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Lack of consultation over setting up of inquiry panel upsets protesting wrestlers

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

A day after Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur announced the setting up of a five-member Oversight Committee to investigate sexual harassment charges against Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the wrestlers, who led the protests on Tuesday expressed disappointment over the setting up of the committee without consulting them.

The three prominent wrestlers – Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik – in similarly worded tweets said it was sad that they were not even consulted before the setting up of the committee. "We were assured that we would be consulted," they tweeted in Hindi, tagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Mr. Thakur.

> We were assured that we would be consulted before the Oversight Committee was formed. It is very sad that we were not even consulted before the formation of this committee. @narendramodi @AmitShah @ianuragthakur
>
> **SAKSHI MALIK**

Mr. Punia told *The Hindu* over phone that the charges against the WFI president were a sensitive matter and they had certain "suggestions" to make before the setting up of the committee. He, however, added that they had no objections to the members in the committee.

The wrestlers would take up the matter with the Sports Minister, said Mr. Punia, adding that the findings of the committee would not be acceptable to them if their suggestions were not considered. The Olympic medallist, however, refused to make the "suggestions" public.

Headed by Olympic medallist boxer M.C. Mary Kom, the committee comprises Olympic medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, well-known shuttler Trupti Murgunde, former Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) CEO Commander Rajesh Rajagopalan and former Executive Director (Team) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Radhica Sreeman.

SC wrong in revealing sensitive reports: Rijiju

Collegium putting IB, RAW reports in public domain a matter of grave concern, says Law Minister, adding that government commenting on issues such as NJAC does not lower dignity of judiciary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid the running battle between the Executive and the Judiciary over judicial appointments, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday said it was a matter of "grave concern" that the Supreme Court Collegium put certain portions of sensitive reports of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) in public domain.

Intelligence agency officials, who work in a secret manner, will "think twice" in future if their reports are made public, Mr. Rijiju told presspersons.

He was responding to questions on the Collegium resolutions that contained portions of the IB and RAW reports regarding some advocates who were recommended for appointment as High Court judges. "Putting the sensitive or secret reports of RAW and IB in public domain is a matter of grave concern on which I will react at an appropriate time," he said.

Kiren Rijiju speaking at the award function for E-Courts projects of the Department of Justice and the Ministry of Law and Justice. ANI

On being asked if he would "sensitise" Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud to it, he said, "The honourable Chief Justice and I meet so often. We are always in touch. He is the head of the Judiciary and I am the bridge between the government and the Judiciary so we have to work together. You cannot work in isolation."

He stressed that matters of appointments were an administrative matter, and government functionaries commenting on issues such as the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) did not amount to lowering the dignity of the Judiciary.

In an unprecedented move on January 20, the collegium made public the Centre's objection to appointment of advocates Saurabh Kirpal, Somasekhar Sundaresan and John Sathyan as judges of the High Courts of Delhi, Bombay and Madras, respectively. While reiterating their names, it rejected the objection to Mr. Kirpal's openly gay status, and concerns about critical social media posts against the Modi government by the other two advocates.

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Number of foreign tourists yet to pick up

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Bhavani's statement puts JD(S) in a spot

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Candidate selection for Assembly polls in Hassan district has got more muddled for the JD(S) with Bhavani Revanna publicly claiming that she has been chosen as the nominee for Hassan seat.
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PSI exam scam kingpin accuses CID officer of taking ₹76 lakh bribe

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

In a development that has made the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam more muddy, key accused Rudragowda Patil has written to the Karnataka Lokayukta accusing the investigating officer – Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Shankargowda Patil – of taking ₹76 lakh as part of a demand for a bribe of ₹3 crore.

The letter, a copy of which is with *The Hindu*, has been sent to the Lokayukta along with a pendrive that contains an audio clip of a purported conversation between the accused and the CID officer. The officer has denied the allegations, terming them as an effort to weaken the probe.

"Shankargowda Patil, Dy.SP and the investigating officer in the case, had demanded ₹3 crore for giving me relief in the case. I had refused to pay that much of money. He insisted that I pay the sum he demanded or face serious consequences. I arranged for ₹76,00,000, which I handed over to him through my relative Srikanth, along with a promise to hand over the remaining amount after I was released on bail," Rudragowda Patil alleged in the letter.

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Purse seine fishing partially allowed outside T.N. waters

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed purse seine fishing off the Tamil Nadu coast. "We have allowed this because we thought everybody should survive, that's all," Justice A.S. Bopanna, who headed the Bench, orally remarked after pronouncing the order.

The court has imposed stringent conditions to regulate the extent of purse seine fishing outside the 12-nautical-mile limit off Tamil Nadu.

For one, it would be allowed only twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, that too between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. the same day. One of the lawyers objected that the timings may vary owing to sea conditions and weather. The boats may return late.

"First of all, we are allowing you to do this [purse seine fishing] on the basic principle of 'living and letting live'... Come back faster," the court said.

Only vessels registered under the marine fishing regulation law would be allowed to do purse seine fishing. Tracking devices should be installed in these boats. The court has also prescribed a colour code for them. The fishing crew need to mandatorily carry identity cards.

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Air India fined again for two incidents on Dec. flight

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation levied a fine of ₹10 lakh on Air India for its failure to report two incidents on a flight from Paris to Delhi in December, where a drunk passenger urinated on a seat and another smoked inside a lavatory.

This is the second penalty slapped on it in five days.

The fine has been imposed on Air India "for not reporting the incident to DGCA and delaying in referring the matter to its Internal Committee, which is a violation of applicable DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements," it said.

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Youth outfits defy 'ban' to hold public screenings of documentary on Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Youth organisations affiliated to the Opposition parties and student outfits on Tuesday screened the first episode of the BBC's "*India: The Modi Question*" across Kerala to lodge a protest against the Centre's recent move to ban it on social media. A similar attempt at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi was prevented by the authorities, leading to group viewings on personal devices.

The JNU campus was shrouded in pitch darkness as power supply had been cut off in most parts, especially outside the venue: Teflas, the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union (JNUSU) office. As the screening could not take place, the union shared the link of the documentary and the students, who had gathered in large numbers, viewed it together on their phones. "You can shut one screen down but you cannot stop the thousands that light up instead," said JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh while addressing the gathering. The students turned up despite an advisory from the university administration that such an "unauthorised activity" might disturb peace and harmony of the campus.

JNU students watch the film on a laptop after authorities cut power supply to the campus to prevent the screening. JAIDEEP DEO BHANJ

As the public viewing was going on in pitch darkness, stones were thrown at the gathering. After a brief scuffle between students, a march was organised by the JNUSU to the north gate of the campus, demanding restoration of electricity. A student said the only place safe on campus is at the gate as the rest of the campus is in darkness. Ms. Ghosh exited the campus and requested the Delhi Police officials standing outside to get the power supply back.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Toll collection through FASTag increases this fiscal, says NHAI

46 In percentage, the increase in toll collection through FASTag on NH fee plazas to ₹50,855 crore in 2022, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) informed. Toll collection in 2021 was ₹34,778 crore. The average daily toll collection by FASTag in December 2022 was ₹134.44 crore. The single-day highest collection of ₹144.19 crore was on December 24, 2022. PTI

Nine movies from India receive awards at the ISFFI in Bhopal

94 The number of films screened at the International Science Film Festival of India (ISFFI), organised as a part of the India International Science Festival (IISF) at Bhopal. At the film festival 61 Indian and 33 foreign films were screened. Nine Indian movies received awards in various categories; the highest number of awards received by a country. PTI

Ganjam becomes top district to provide 100 days of employment

63,449 The number of households provided with 100 days of employment in Ganjam district, Odisha, becoming the top district to provide the same to rural households under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) till January 22 this fiscal. PTI

A decrease in VC investments in Indian startups in 2022

38 In percentage, the decrease in venture capital (VC) investments in Indian startups in 2022 as economic uncertainty and market volatility affect fundraising and investment activities, according to GlobalData. A total of 1,726 VC funding deals worth $20.9 billion were announced in India in 2022 compared to 1,715 deals worth $33.8 billion in 2021. PTI

A unique Holocaust exhibition to be held in Germany

16 The number of objects, chosen from more than 50,000 items to be presented at the exhibition, Sixteen Objects, at parliament in Berlin, Germany before the country marks the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp on January 27, 1945. The exhibit items represent Germany's 16 States. AP

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What ails the Ken-Betwa river link project?

Why is the government keen on implementing the project? What are the issues in the clearances given to the river link project? Will they hold legally? What has the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) recommended? An environmentalist perspective:

EXPLAINER

Manoj Misra

The story so far:

On January 18, the Steering Committee of the Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) held its third meeting in New Delhi. It was chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Water Resources, in the Ministry of Jal Shakti, who reiterated that the KBLP was a "flagship" project of the national government and that it "is critical for the water security and socio-economic development of Bundelkhand region". In December 2021, the Union Cabinet approved KBLP at a total cost of ₹44,605 crore. In this project, the national and the Madhya Pradesh governments will link the Ken river with the Betwa river so that the latter can water the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh.

What is the Ken-Betwa link?

The link will be in the form of a canal that will be fed by the new Daudhan Dam on the Ken, to be built within the Panna Tiger Reserve. The national government has said that the dam will generate 103MW of hydroelectric power. The linking canal will flow through Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh and Jhansi districts, with the project expected to irrigate 6.3 lakh hectares of land every year.

However, hydrological and ecological experts aren't convinced, mainly because the government's plan is based on a 'surplus and deficit' model that they have said has little basis in science. They are also concerned that the project will endanger the water security of Panna. In 2018, environmentalist Ravi Chopra called the idea "nonsense"; in 2021, conservation biologist Raghu Chundawat said that thanks to KBLP, "Bundelkhand will suffer for decades to come".

What clearances has the KBLP received?

India enacted the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 at a critical juncture, when its wildlife was in peril. The key provisions of the Act (Sections 18 and 35) relate to setting aside areas of significance to wildlife as 'sanctuaries' and 'national parks'. Sections 29 and 35(6) restrict human activities within them without prior approval.

Diversion or stopping or enhancement of the flow of water into or outside wildlife sanctuaries/parks is taboo unless doing so is deemed to be necessary to improve and better manage wildlife within a sanctuary or a national park. And in the case of the Panna Tiger Reserve, the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Supreme Court has found such diversion to not be necessary to improve and better manage wildlife in the park.

Additionally, downstream of the national park lies the Ken Gharial Sanctuary, created to protect the critically endangered Gangetic gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*). The destructive impact of the proposed dam on the flow of water into and outside of this sanctuary should be immediately clear. The CEC is quite firm in its report that "the Standing Committee of the NBWL has not considered the impact of the project on the downstream gharial sanctuary".

The CEC submitted this report to the Supreme Court on August 30, 2019, and the matter remains *sub judice*. The project is also reportedly still to receive full forest clearance. A challenge to its environment approval is also pending before the National Green Tribunal, presumably because the tribunal believes the project must first secure forest clearance. Due diligence and expert scrutiny during the project-approval stage are cornerstones of sound environmental governance. Therefore, it was a big shock when, following Cabinet approval, the national government announced the implementation of the KBLP in the 2022-2023 Union budget. It further stated that ₹1,400 crore would be allocated for the project in that financial year.

Still waters: A boy plays in the Betwa river near Jhansi. MONICA TIWARI

What about its legality?

There are significant legal problems with the approval granted to the KBLP. The CEC has stated that the, "approval by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife to the Ken-Betwa link Project has not been proved to be necessary for the improvement and better management of the wildlife therein as provided in Section 35(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.. ".

This categorical observation was made vis-à-vis plans to create a high reservoir-dam on the Ken river in the Panna National Park and Tiger Reserve for the KBLP. It concurred with the applicants' prayer at the apex Court; that the wildlife approval given by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) at its meeting on August 23, 2016, was *ultra vires*.

The Indian government catalysed this approval despite an expert body created by the Standing Committee of the NBWL itself saying that "an independent hydrological study of river Ken is necessary" and that "no developmental project should destroy the ecology of remnant fragile ecosystems and an important tiger habitat in the country".

How will Panna's tigers be affected?

The Panna tiger reserve lost all of its tigers by 2009, requiring a remarkable effort spanning almost a decade to reintroduce them. Panna is an exceptional tiger habitat because of its deep gorges, which will be drowned if a new dam is built. An illegal approval granted by a national board will bring to naught all the good, hard work of the past. The government is also developing a larger 'Panna Tiger Landscape', but this is not the concession many believe it to be. This landscape should be created in any case for Panna's tigers. Such landscape-level action is also required around most wildlife areas in light of a new global target to protect 30% of global terrestrial and marine areas by 2030, finalised at the COP15 biodiversity conference in December 2022. The question therefore is – why should such plans be designed and deployed only because the heart of a tiger reserve is to be drowned and the park irreversibly fragmented?

In fact, there may not even be enough water in the Ken, a non-perennial river, to meet the projected needs of the Betwa – forget the needs of the Bundelkhand region. This is why the NBWL expert body mandated an "independent" hydrological investigation of the Ken. Older reports by State agencies had thrown up different, and hence unreliable, projections. Such an independent investigation remains pending. Independent experts have also said that it will be more economical and faster if the governments restored Bunderlkhand's erstwhile Chandel-period lakes and ponds and if they replicated the successful field-pond schemes on priority. The region is already blessed with adequate annual rainfall.

Against this background, rushing the KBLP sans due diligence – both technical and legal – will intensify water conflicts between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; dash locals' longstanding expectations of irrigation and drinking water; and cost a decade's labour and funds. Ahead of the forthcoming 2023-2024 Union budget, one hopes that we won't be saddled with a textbook loss-loss project.

Manoj Misra is a former member of the Indian Forest Service and has been convener of the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan (Campaign for a Living Yamuna) since 2007.

THE GIST

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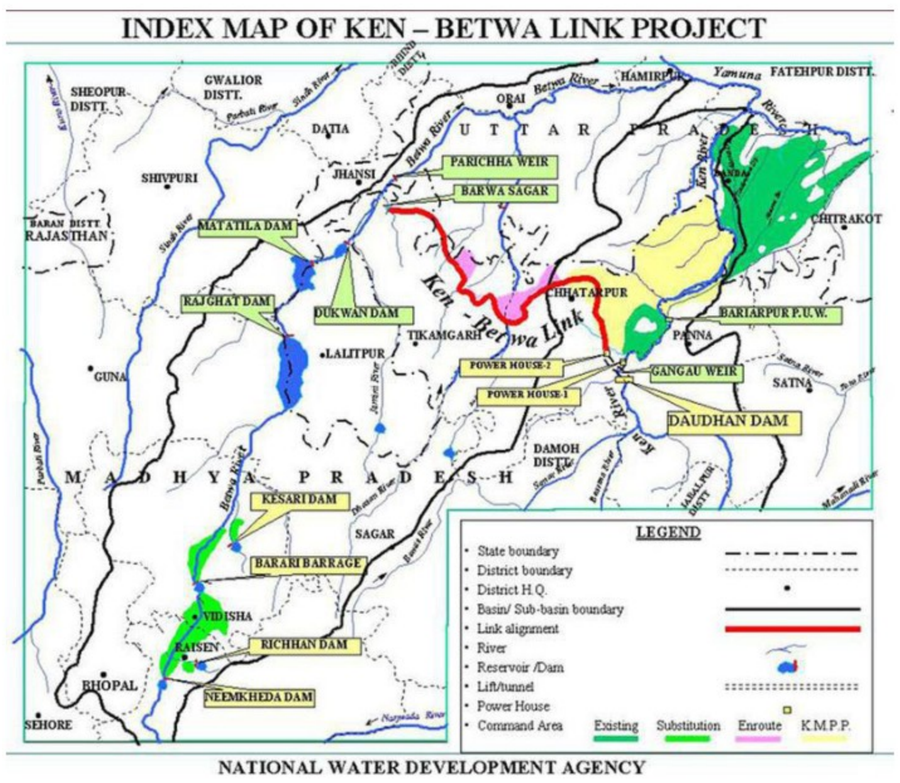

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'Journalists should improve their professional skills'

As technology has improved, speed in reporting the news has also improved. Accordingly, journalists also have to improve their professional skills, said Revenue Minister R. Ashok on Tuesday. Speaking after inaugurating the distribution of tabs to beneficiaries under a special tribal scheme, organised by Karnataka Media Academy at the Press Club of Bangalore, he said those who work in the media also need privileges. He said besides distributing the tab, there is a need for training on its features and benefits. Comparing electronic media with print media, the Minister said there is a lot of difference between the two. Electronic media is in a hurry to give breaking news, broadcast it immediately without checking the truth, while print media will check and publish the news, Mr. Ashok added.

22-year-old accountant killed in road accident

A 22-year-old woman was killed when a speeding private bus knocked her two-wheeler down in RMC Yard on Tuesday morning.

The deceased Vinutha, a resident of Laggere, was an accountant in a private firm in Nelamangala. She was on her way to work and stopped the scooter on the roadside to attend a call. A speeding bus knocked her down and she sustained severe injuries. The driver soon abandoned the bus and fled. The traffic police called the ambulance to shift her to the hospital but she had died by then.

The Yeshwantpur traffic police have registered a case and are investigating.

It's a long road ahead to bring in foreign tourists to State

In the last year, only domestic travel boomed in Karnataka; stakeholders point out that most of the international tourists who arrive here belong to the corporate crowd, with Bengaluru being the centre of their visit

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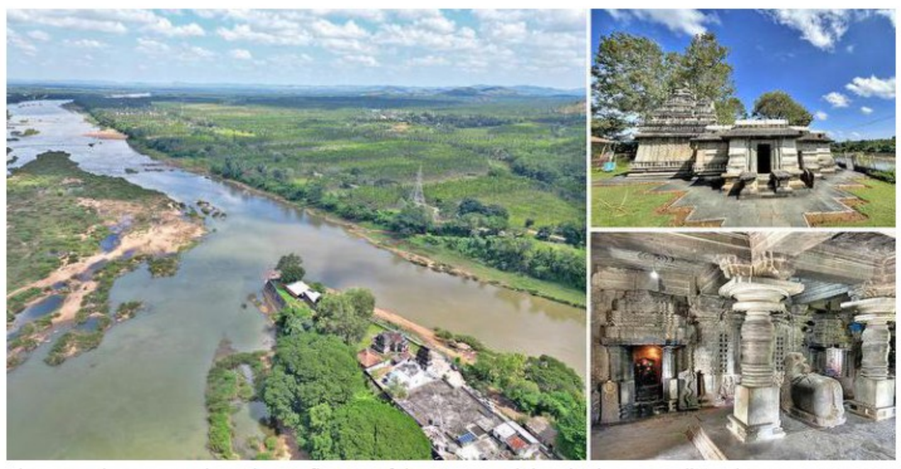

The Rameshwara temple at the confluence of the Tunga and the Bhadra at Koodli in Shivamogga district. Experts say promotion of Karnataka as a tourist destination will also require the development of off-beat destinations. K. MURALI KUMAR

Now that the days of pandemic and limited travel are behind, Tourism Departments of several States are upping their game to attract more tourists. While tourism as an industry has seen a steady few good days, there are still a few areas which demand plenty of improvement.

In the last year, though domestic travel boomed in Karnataka, the number of foreign tourists has not picked up.

While a senior official of the Tourism Department agreed that there were very few foreign tourists, other stakeholders pointed out that most of the international tourists who arrive in the State belong to the corporate crowd, with Bengaluru being the centre of the visit.

"We are only seeing corporate traffic when it comes to international travellers in the State. In the coming days, we need to promote Karnataka internationally, market it as a State and showcase it as a long-term tourist destination," said Sanjar Imam, president, Karnataka Tourism Forum.

The senior official said that corporate travellers should also be considered as tourists and the transformation of Bengaluru as a Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) destination is the reason for this influx. They further said that after successful roadshows in Spain, Milan and Paris, the department will next go to Berlin to bring in more foreign tourists.

Time to shine

Experts believe that promotion of the State as a tourist destination would also require the development of off-beat destinations and also dividing the attention of tourists from a bunch of popular places to other districts in the State. Marketing of certain places as alternatives to already popular places will reduce crowding while adding more places to the itineraries, they said.

"Sakleshpur, which is also a coffee land, could gain more tourists in the coming days instead of Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu. It still has the charm of being quaint while also having good accessibility from Bengaluru. With the new airport, Shivamogga could also be developed with the theme of Malnad and Malgudi Days nostalgia," Mr. Imam explained.

New airports coming up under the Udaan scheme are expected to aid the increase of tourists to the State.

"The new airports in Hubballi, Belagavi and Kalaburagi will significantly help tourism. We expect the flights to run full. We can now see that hotels, resorts and homestays across State are doing well and there is some improvement in connectivity too," said K. Syama Raju, president, Karnataka Tourism Society.

The department officials said that one of the major thrusts in tourism this year would be towards the development of coastal tourism. Other stakeholders also agreed that with the development of new resorts and the growing demand, the coastal belt especially in Udupi district needs to be promoted extensively.

Two arrested for looting wrist watch consignment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The R.R. Nagar police on Tuesday unearthed a gang which had looted a wrist watch consignment worth ₹57 lakh.

The accused Zameer Ahmed, 28, and his associate Syed Shahid, 26, who owned a grocery shop along with others confronted a goods vehicle carrying 23 boxes of branded wrist watches worth ₹57 lakh from Kolar to R.R. Nagar.

Waylaid vehicle

The accused waylaid the vehicle accusing the driver of knocking down one of them and beat up the driver and his assistant black and blue.

To save themselves, the driver and his assistant ran away following which the accused took the goods vehicle and sped away. The accused later abandoned the vehicle after taking away the 23 boxes.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down the accused through CCTV footage and recovered the valuables. The accused were searching for customers to sell the watches in bulk before they were arrested.

This year's edition will be largest-ever Aero India, says Defence Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The airshow will be held between February 13 and 17 in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday reviewed the preparations of the forthcoming Aero India during the apex committee meeting held in New Delhi and exhorted the stakeholders to ensure foolproof arrangements for the participants of the airshow, which is to be held between February 13 and 17 in Bengaluru.

He said that Aero India 2023 will not just be an event, but a display of the growing prowess of the defence and aerospace sector and the rise of a strong and self-reliant New India.

Five-day event

The five-day event, on the theme 'The runway to a billion opportunities', will be the largest-ever aero show organised at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, in a total area of around 35,000 sq m.

As on date, 731 exhibitors have registered for the event. Defence Ministers' Conclave, with the theme 'Shared Prosperity Through Enhanced Engagement in Defence (SPEED)', and a CEOs Roundtable are among the marquee events. The Manthan start-up event and Bandhan ceremony, which witnesses signing of MoUs, will also be part of the event, along with an air show on all the five days.

"Not just the private sector, but R&D establishments and academia are also working together with the government. Aero India is a medium to provide a platform to all the stakeholders to jointly strengthen the defence and aerospace sector and contribute to nation building," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Singh commended Bengaluru for successfully organising several editions of Aero India, saying that the event is shaping Karnataka as an epicenter of aviation and aerospace industry.

"The State is known for its skilled manpower and robust defence manufacturing ecosystem. It is a preferred center for manufacturing and R&D activities for domestic and multinational defence and aviation companies," he said

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and State government officials joined the meeting through videoconferencing.

Protest against Orchids International School

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hundreds of parents protested in front of Orchids International School, Nagarabhavi on Tuesday morning, alleging that the school management had falsely claimed that they were affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), while they are in fact affiliated to the State Board. Parents demanded a full fee refund from the school management.

Parents allege that the school had falsely claimed that it was affiliated to CBSE

"We were shocked to receive a circular from the school two days ago saying they will be conducting exams for class 5 and 8 according to the sState syllabus. We have admitted our children to the school under the impression that it is a CBSE syllabus school. Now how can they conduct exams in the State syllabus?," questioned a protesting parent.

The school has collected fee of over ₹1 lakh making false claims, they alleged.

Rajashekar. H.G, the Block Education Officer (BEO) of Bengaluru South-1, told *The Hindu* that the government had served a notice on the school in August 2022 about admitting students to CBSE branch, while they were affiliated to the State Board. "The school replied that they were indeed following the State syllabus and even took State board textbooks. But now parents allege they were told that it was a CBSE school. I will visit the school on Wednesday and take suitable action," he said.

Over the last few months, the school management has received four notices by the department of which two were pertaining to a similar allegation that the schools were illegally admitting students to CBSE stream.

Exhibitors told to maintain COVID-19 protocol

The Hindu Bureau
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The organisers of Aero India 2023 want the participants, especially the exhibitors, to undertake all precautions and maintain COVID-19 protocol during the airshow.

The manual of the airshow has asked the exhibitors to strictly adhere to the safety and health precautionary measure as per the advisories and directives of the State and Central governments.

"If the pandemic situation of COVID-19 emerges, the exhibitors shall strictly adhere to the safety and health precautionary measures during the pre-construction and post-construction period as per the advisories, directives of State and Central governments," states the manual.

It has also asked the exhibitors to maintain a record of all the entrants and participants who will enter the stall. With regard to food service, it says that the mode of food service is liable to change as per COVID-19 protocols like serving packed food. Exhibitors have also been asked to refrain from distributing printed and promotional material related to their products.

Hospital ties up with Fujifilm for storing sensitive medical documents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Manipal Hospitals has entered into an agreement with FUJIFILM India to leverage digital technology for storing sensitive medical documents and images. Under the long-term agreement, the hospital would be provided with a large-scale Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS), powered by FUJIFILM India.

The PACS eliminates the need for manually storing, retrieving, and sending sensitive information, films, and reports, according to a release from the hospital.

In addition, the next-generation system will enable the storage of medical documents and images in secure off-site servers while the PACS software will ensure that such sensitive medical data can be accessed via mobile devices and workstations from anywhere in the world.

The deployment will cover 23 hospitals.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Aniket Girish Desai S/o Girish Shivaraj Desai R/a Vinayaka Residency, Flat No. 204, 2nd Floor, Apartment No.9, 1st Main Road , RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bangalore-94 do here by solemnly affirm and state oath as that I have changed my name from Aniket to my true, correct and continue my name as **Aniket Girish Desai (Correct name)** only in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit sworn before Advocate and Notary Jalandhara on 18.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Dr. (Mrs.) KALPANA G. PRAKASH, W/o Dr. N.K. Garuda Prakash,** Aged about 31years, Residing at No.588, Near Maramma Temple, II Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of House property bearing **No. 151,** VP Khatha No.509, situated at **Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP having khata No. 461/151/460 and measuring East to West 90 feet, North to South on Eastern side 35 feet, Western side 47 feet, in all measuring **3690 square feet.,**
And BOUNDED ON:
EAST BY : Property Nos. 160/161
WEST BY : Road.
NORTH BY : Property No. 152.
SOUTH BY : Private property.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that the following original documents viz.,

1. **Grant Order.**
2. **Sale Deed dated 23.03.1991 bearing No. 3685/1990-91.**
3. **Sale Deed dated 25.03.1995 bearing No. 2888/1994-95.**
4. **Release Deed dated 04.04.1996 bearing No. 31/1996-97.**
5. **Sale Deed dated 11.02.1998 bearing No. 3545/1997-98.**
6. **Sale Deed dated 29.10.1998 bearing No. 2463/1998-99.**
7. **Sale Deed dated 28.11.1998 bearing No. 2814/1998-99.**
8. **Sale Deed dated 07.01.2000 bearing No. 3744/1999-2000.**
9. **Sale Deed dated 13.09.2006 bearing No. 2357/2006-07.**
10. **Sale Deed dated 27.12.2006 bearing No. 4301/2006-07.**
11. **Sale Deed dated 16.07.2011 bearing No. 2476/2011-12.**
12. **Sale Deed dated 28.01.1999 bearing No.3607/1998-99.**

relating to the schedule property belonging to **DAKSHAYANI RAO S.N.** W/o Sri G.Anantha Kumar residing at No 541, Sri Sai Krupa 5th Cross, 4th Main, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd stage, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560 072 are lost while travelling in an Auto, hence a Police Complaint is lodged with Karnataka State Police, Bengaluru City Police unit by her husband Sri G.Anantha Kumar Vide E- Complaint dated 22.01.2023 regarding lost of said documents.
Public are hereby notified that whoever finds the said documents are required to inform or handover the said document to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing part of Old Survey No.98 and 164, Present **Survey No.164/2, measuring to an extent of 3-22 (Three Acres and Twenty Two Guntas),** situated at **Siddanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangarpet Taluk** and same is bounded on:
East by : Sy.No.98;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Part of land in Sy.No.164 & Govt. Road;
South by : Sy.No.98.

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Email: advgentender2022@gmail.com

TENDER NOTIFICATION

[Through e-procurement Portal]

Office of the Advocate General for Karnataka, High Court Building, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Bengaluru invites tender for:

1. Tender No: ADVGEN/EST/TEN/03/2022-23, Dated : 23.01.2023

Providing services of DEO's, Attenders, Drivers and Housekeeping Staffs to Office of the Advocate General Office, KSAT., Bengaluru, Dharwad and Kalaburagi Unit Offices on Outsource Basis for a period of two years. Approximate tender value Rs. 2.59 Crores (Two Crore fifty nine lakhs Rupees only). Last date for submitting bids for the tender 24.02.2023, 16.00 hrs.

2. Tender No: ADVGEN/STY/TEN/04/2022-23, Dated : 24.01.2023

To upgrade infrastructure / implement of CCMS and e-filing to Consolidated requirement of ICT Hardware (All-in-One PC, Desktop PC, Laptop, MFP (Standard & Heavy Duty Printer) along with Microsoft office 365 business standard Licenses through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: Rs. 3.12 Crore (Three Crore twelve lakhs Rupees only). The Last date and time for tender submission 07/02/2023, 16:00 hrs.

Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/- Administrative Officer
Office of the Advocate General
High Court Building, Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that my client **Mrs.Swarnalatha Ramesh,** W/o.Ramesh.C.A, r/at No.966, F1 Akshaya Royale, Flat F1 14th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, is the absolute owner in possession of the property bearing PID No.47-5-1098/3, Ground floor, situated at Sree Dharmarayaswamy Temple Road, Bengaluru, measuring 111.78 Sq.ft., hereinafter referred as **SCHEDULE PROPERTY.** My client had lost the original sale deed dated: 2/11/1995, vide No.2658/1995-96 of Book I, Volume 4267, pages 47 to 56 registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, pertaining to the schedule property. In respect of same, my client had also filed e-lost complaint, vide: Lost Report No.0453537/2023 dated: 23/01/2023. The public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property with anybody except with my client. If anybody finds/found the original document stated above is requested to return the same to my client or deliver the same to the address given below.

Dileep.N, Advocate,
No.114, 9th Cross, 5th Main,
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For and on behalf of Tamilnadu Tourism Development Corporation Limited, superscribed Two cover system sealed tenders viz., "**Technical bid"** and **"price bid" in separate covers both inserted in single cover will be received upto 03.00 PM on 01.03.2023 from the** reputed Contractors registered with Public Works Department, Central Public Works Department or any other State / Central Government Undertaking by the Managing Director, TTDC Ltd., No.2, Wallajah Road, Chennai – 2 for the work of "**Renovation and Redevelopment of Poompuhar Heritage City"**.

The tenders should be sent to the Project Engineer office, TTDC Ltd., Chennai-2 and tender will be opened on the same day at **03.30 PM**.

All other details are available in the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in & www.tamilnadutourism.tn.gov.in. If any changes/ corrections etc., to the tender it will be published on the above websites only.

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A rich history: A laser show at the Ram Ki Paidi on the eve of Deepotsav in 2022. SANDEEP SAXENA

Ayodhya, a city of paramount belief, steeped in folklore, mythology and faith

Long before the Ram Janmabhoomi issue brought the place into the limelight, the glory of the ancient city of Ayodhya emanated from the fact that it was coveted by rulers, exalted by believers and embraced by history

Ziya Us Salam

It is unfortunate that Ayodhya has come to occupy space in public discourse only with the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi conflict. Historically, the city of Ayodhya, literally meaning, 'to fight', goes much deeper than many of the more celebrated cities of India. Often respected as a sacred city for Hindus, the city also has an indelible association with Buddhism. And according to Sufi lore, even with Islam.

It is claimed that in Ayodhya lies the grave of Hazrat Sheeth (or Seth), son of Adam, believed to be the first man on earth. Also in Ayodhya is the grave of Hazrat Ayub (Prophet Job to Christians) and innumerable Sufis, including Shah Ibrahim.

Historian Irfan Habib wrote in 'Medieval Ayodhya (Awadh), Down to the Mughal Occupation', "The importance of these tombs lies in the fact that they were represented as those of the two prophets already in the sixteenth century. Emperor Akbar's minister Abul Fazl's *Ain-i-Akbari*, written in 1595, contains the following passage in its notice of Awadh or Ayodhya: 'Near this city two large graves have been made, six and seven yards (gaz) in length. The common people believe them to be the resting places of the prophets Shis (Seth) and Ayyub (Job) and legendary tales are related about them'. For such legends as this to develop normally takes much time, and these graves must therefore have already existed long before Abul Fazl wrote in 1595."

Larger than life

The claims about prophets' graves are likely to be legends, but the crucible of history is not exactly the strong point of Ayodhya. It is a city which lives, breathes and emits belief. Indeed, Ayodhya's story is one of folklore, mythology and faith. Ayodhya, in Valmiki's Ramayana, is a city with palaces, mansions, wide streets and everything plentiful.

On the same lines, we have a booklet, *The Blood-Soaked History of Shri Ram's Birthplace* by Ranjana Sarvesh where the author paints a fanciful picture of Lord Ram's city, stating, "Mountain-like palaces adorned the site, which also had leisure homes for women, the beauty of which was so enthralling that it seemed this city is the city of god. The royal palace was of golden colour and heaps of gems could be found lying everywhere."

It is left to the dispassionate reasoning of author Valay Singh in *Ayodhya: City of Faith, City of Discord*, to separate faith from fact. Singh writes, "It would be simpler to imagine Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh as the lively source of the propagation of the Ramayana, where temples and monasteries have churned out priests, stocked libraries and trained reciters so that they spread the Ramayana to the ends of the world. Ayodhya, either abandoned or ignored for most of known history, has not been as fortunate as the Ramayana story, which was propagated by bards, traders and kings. While towns like Shravasti, Banaras and Pataliputra boast a rich and long history of kingdoms, Ayodhya's glory emanates from being the city of Ram on paper. It was a paper-capital, a paper-city, an abstraction to most who heard the story."

Historian Romila Thapar alluded to the region in her popular book, *A History of Early India*. Writing about the expansion of population, first from Indus Valley, then from Doab (roughly western Uttar Pradesh), she wrote, "From staying close to the banks of rivers, some settlements moved into the interior where they cleared land for cultivation...The small settlements linked to Ochre Colour pottery were more frequent to the upper Doab. The painted Grey Ware settlements had a wider distribution."

Noted archaeologist H.D. Sankhalia, quoted by Singh in his book, talked of Ayodhya in *The Ramayana in Historical Perspective*, wherein he wrote, "Whatever be the nature of the first or earliest Ayodhya, a village or a city, its description, as it appears in the Critical Edition of the Ramayana, is of a well laid-out city with arterial roads – a rajamarga or a patha, fortification all round...There were checkposts, parks and gardens, besides drinking houses, houses for recreation. There were shops or bazars, where all sorts of things could be had, and the godown stacked with paddy." The description reminds one about the well laid out cities of the Indus Valley Civilisation where roads are said to have intersected each other at right angles, there was a public granary and well-planned houses.

What's in a name?

Was Ayodhya always known by this name? Well, it was probably called Saket, the city that Lord Ram set out for; Jain and Buddhist texts too refer to it. Nobody knows when and how Saket became Ayodhya, or even if Ayodhya became Saket, except that history books talk of Ajatshatru, the Magadhan king who annexed Saket before the Mauryas.

Singh gives us the details, "Around the fifth-century BCE, in the kingdom of Kosala, lay a busy town at the intersection of two major routes, one going from Sravasti in the north to Pratishthana in the south, and the other going to Taxila in the west from Rajgriha in the east. This town was Saket and its king was Prasenjit, who ruled from the capital Sravasti, about 80 kilometres from Saket. Prasenjit is also known as the king of Kosala which is now acknowledged to be yet another name for Ayodhya."

Ayodhya is said to be the capital of the Ikshkvaku's Kosala kingdom in the Ramayana. Yet again, facts and faith, history and mythology merge in Ayodhya. Along with Saket, Kosala, Ayodhya, add to the mix the medieval Faizabad district and you have the picture of a place coveted by rulers, exalted by believers and embraced by history.

Away from the deemed exploits of Prasenjit was the alleged pillage and plunder of Sunga king, Pusyamitra, the successor of the Mauryas. Thapar wrote, "Buddhist sources claim that he persecuted the Buddhists and destroyed their monasteries and places of worship, especially those which had been built by Ashoka." This is likely an exaggeration. Not so the association of Nawab Asad-ud-Daulah during whose time Hanumangarhi was built. Be that as it may, Ayodhya's greatest claim to immortality comes from faith.

If Munshi Jagannath Lal Khushtar's Urdu Ramayana called Khushtar Ramayana begins with the words, 'Bismillah ir Rehman ir Rahim', Brij Narain Chakbast describes Ram's departure from Ayodhya in poignant words, "Rukhsat hua woh baap se lekar khuda ka naam/Raah-e-wafa ki manzil-e-awwal hui tamam (He took leave of his father taking the name of God/And thus the first stage of the path of loyalty was crossed)." Belief remains paramount.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Considered one of the most important modernist 20th-century authors, Virginia Woolf was born on January 25. Here is a quiz on the English writer

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
This is a book publishing imprint of Penguin Random House that was founded as an independent company by British authors Leonard Woolf and Virginia Woolf. What is the name of the publishing house?

QUESTION 2
Considered one of Woolf's best-known novels, this book details a day in the life of the protagonist, a fictional upper-class woman in post-First World War England. The book describes the woman's preparations for a party she will host in the evening and the ensuing party. Name the book and the protagonist.

QUESTION 3
This play written by Edward Albee examines the structure of the marriage of an American middle-aged academic couple, Martha and George. Name the play.

QUESTION 4
This test is a measure of the representation of women in film and, by extension, in fiction in general. The test is named after an American cartoonist in whose 1985 comic strip the test first appeared. He credits the idea to the writings of Virginia Woolf. What is the name of the test?

QUESTION 5
This is an extended essay by Woolf, based on two lectures she delivered in 1928. In the essay, Woolf uses metaphors to explore social injustices and comments on women's lack of free expression. Identify the essay.

Visual question:
This poster is of the Oscar-winning 2002 film, adapted from a book written by Michael Cunningham. The book concerns three generations of women affected by one of Woolf's novels. Name the film.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This Emmy-winning host has interviewed every U.S. President since Gerald Ford. **Ans: Larry King**
2. In a full circle moment, this guest who came on the season premier of the *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, appeared to send off the beloved talk show host. **Ans: Jennifer Aniston**
3. An episode of this show which was critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was blocked in India by Hotstar. **Ans: *Last week tonight* with John Oliver**
4. This person replaced David Letterman as the host of the *The Late Show* on CBS. **Ans: Stephen Colbert**
5. The common link between Oprah Winfrey, Kelly Clarkson, Wendy Williams, Natalie Morales and Whoopi Goldberg. **Ans: They are all hosts of daytime talk shows**
Visual: In 2011, the then U.S. President Barack Obama described him as "host of the best late night show on TBS". **Ans: Conan O'Brian**
Early Birds: Raashi. P| Bhanu Priya Ashok| Princi Rajawat| Anamika Kashyap| Nitin K. Teotia

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"A reader wants to know whether the word 'weightage' exists in English."

"The word 'weightage' is not recorded in any English dictionary. But it is extensively used in India. We say 'You might give weightage for his previous experience when you fix his pay'. Native speakers use either 'weight' or 'weighting' in such a context.

You must give weight for his experience.

You must give weighting for his experience.

The allowance that is given to offset higher cost of living in a place like London is called 'weighting allowance'.

He is paid a weighting allowance of £600 as he works in London."

"Mr. P. Krishnamurthy of Palamaner wants to know the meaning of the word 'powwow'."

" 'Powwow' is used informally to mean 'a meeting for discussion'.

Let's have a powwow on the subject next week.

It is also used as a verb.

They powwowed for long. Nothing came of it.

'Powwow' rhymes with 'how now'. The stress is on 'pow'."

"Mr. R. Sampath of Trichy wants to know why 'sanction' which means 'to grant something' is used in a different sense in 'Sanctions will be applied against South Africa'."

"The word 'sanction' is from Latin 'sanctio' which means to 'make sacred, holy'. A sanction was originally a formal church decree. Later it came to mean 'official permission, authoritative ratification, approval'. It has several other meanings also. When it is used in the plural, 'sanctions' mean 'a coercive measure taken by several nations against a nation violating international norms of conduct'. Economic and sometimes military measures are taken to make the offending nation change its policy."

"Mr. Mahadeva Prasad of Kollegal wants to know the pronunciation and use of 'chaos' and 'bias'."

" 'Chaos' is pronounced 'keios'. 'Cha' rhymes with 'pay' and 'day', 'os' rhymes with 'boss'. 'Bias' rhymes with 'pious'. 'Chaos' means 'a state of complete disorder and confusion'.

There was utter chaos at the meeting.

There was chaos when the lights failed.

'Bias' means 'a tendency to be in favour of or against something'. You can have a bias towards something or against something.

He has a bias towards the working classes.

He has a bias towards vocational education.

He has a bias against women.

'Bias' refers to an individual's inclination; it is not based on any reason. A man without bias is an impartial person. He judges things on their merit."

Word of the day

Indelible:
cannot be removed or erased (used as an adjective)

Synonyms: unerasable

Usage: *The curry fell on my white shirt. It will now leave an indelible stain there*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/indeliblepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪnˈdɛlɪbl/

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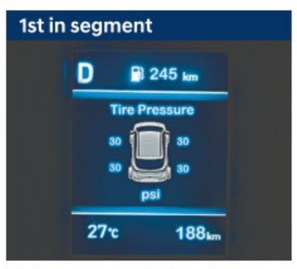

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INNOCEAN–010/23

Blogger held for throwing cash from flyover to get social media attention

Traffic was disrupted at City Market junction and the flyover above it as he showered notes worth around ₹3,000 of ₹10 denomination each

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commotion prevailed at the busy City Market junction and the flyover above it, as a man with a wall clock around his neck, carrying a bag, stopped his scooter and started showering currency notes from the flyover on to the road below on Tuesday.

As motorists stopped their vehicles abruptly, and people cheered and gathered to pick the ₹10 currency notes, traffic on the flyover and the junction below came to a grinding halt.

It turned out that the person, Arun K., an event manager and a blogger, who was later arrested, staged this to garner publicity and to boost his following on social media.

A video grab of the man who threw currency notes.

He thought of a trick to grab media attention and decided to shower currency notes worth around ₹3,000 of ₹10 denomination each, the police said.

With traffic thrown to chaos, assistant head constable Sunil Kumar, who was on patrolling duty, reached the spot and tried to nab Arun. But he managed to speed away on his scooter. Sunil Kumar alerted the police control room, who in turn alerted their teams on the ground. City Market Police swung into action and identified the accused with the help of scooter registration number from the CCTV footage of the incident. He was tracked down to his residence in Nagarabhavi from where he was arrested.

The police have charged him under Section 283 (obstruction to public way of navigation), Section 290 (public nuisance) of the Indian Penal Code and also under various sections of the Karnataka Police Act.

Security tightened for Republic Day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the Republic Day programme to be held at Manekshaw Parade Ground scheduled on Thursday.

As many as 100 CCTV cameras have been installed in and around the ground with baggage screens to be put up on the entry routes.

Traffic management teams will be deployed at strategic locations to manage traffic and guide the invitees to the venue. Anti-sabotage checks will be conducted with security personnel deployed around the venue.

Timings
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:17
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RISE 10:25	SET 22:50
FRIDAY, JAN. 27	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:18
RISE 11:06	SET 23:43

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Mysuru	29	10
Bengaluru	26	19

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be comfortable. Night will be cool with haze and mist.

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Stage set for DAKSH career guidance fest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With an aim of helping students, stepping out of pre-university, to make informed choices about their higher education and career tracks, Christ (Deemed to be University) is back with its annual education and career guidance fest DAKSH, at Christ University Central Campus, Hosur Road, Bengaluru, on January 27 and 28.

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., DAKSH will showcase prospective students the available range of opportunities and career prospects, with additional insights from industry experts and career counsellors.

The Hosur Road campus will host the inaugural educational fair DAKSH from 10 a.m. on Friday. The guest speaker line-up includes Union Minister Piyush Goyal, principal architect of KlimArt, Dr. Sujit Kumar, and many more.

The annual education and career fair is a collaborative and comprehensive effort of the Student Council and the university for the benefit of the general student community.

'Iconic IIMB campus testament to the genius of B.V. Doshi'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 54,000 sq m IIMB complex built with grey stone and concrete on a 100 acre campus is based on the design of the town of Fatehpur Sikri.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Pritzker Architecture Prize winning legendary architect Balakrishna V. Doshi, who passed away on Tuesday, built the iconic Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru campus on Bannerghatta Road in the city, his only project in the State.

Senior architect Navnath Kanade, who worked with B.V. Doshi in Ahmedabad during 1966-70, said as fresh out of college his stint with Doshi oriented his practice later in life. He termed IIMB, as one of the best examples of a modern building in entire south India and a testament to the genius of Doshi.

Another senior architect Satyaprakash Varanasi said the campus offers a beautiful synthesis of spaces and volume, function and utility, light and protection and was one of its kind in the institution category to create such fusion and synthesis which established the modern Indian architecture on its own merit. Given that air conditioning was not prevalent in the country those days, there was no internet and global ideas, IIMB got rooted within the originality of the architect and specificity of its location, he said.

"However, there were comments about lavish spaces, wide and long corridors, and superfluous extravaganza. But India needed them in those days to redefine its architecture," he said, adding while most credit for the campus goes to Doshi, it was a collaboration of three architects in the firm Doshi Stein and Bhalla aided by Achyut Kanvinde who worked on the project.

The 54,000 sq m IIMB complex built with grey stone and concrete on a 100 acre campus is based on the design of the town of Fatehpur Sikri, laid out by Akbar in the 16th century, IIMB website says. "Fatehpur Sikri's courtyards and the gardens of Bengaluru merged in Doshi's mind's eye. He picked up the gardens and put them in the courtyards, and the vision for a 'glocal' campus was born," IIMB said on its website.

IIMB completed in 1983, also finds mention in the citation of the Pritzker Architecture Prize for Doshi in 2018. IIMB said it mourns the loss of Doshi and that they will remain grateful to him for giving this legacy.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (January 25, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- What ails the Ken-Betwa river link project?
bit.ly/kenbetwariverproject

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Disruption in metro services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the commissioning of works of extension line beyond Kengeri to Challaghatta, metro services between Mysore Road and Kengeri stations will be closed for four days from January 27. Services will be available only between Bayyappanahalli and Mysore Road metro stations on these days.

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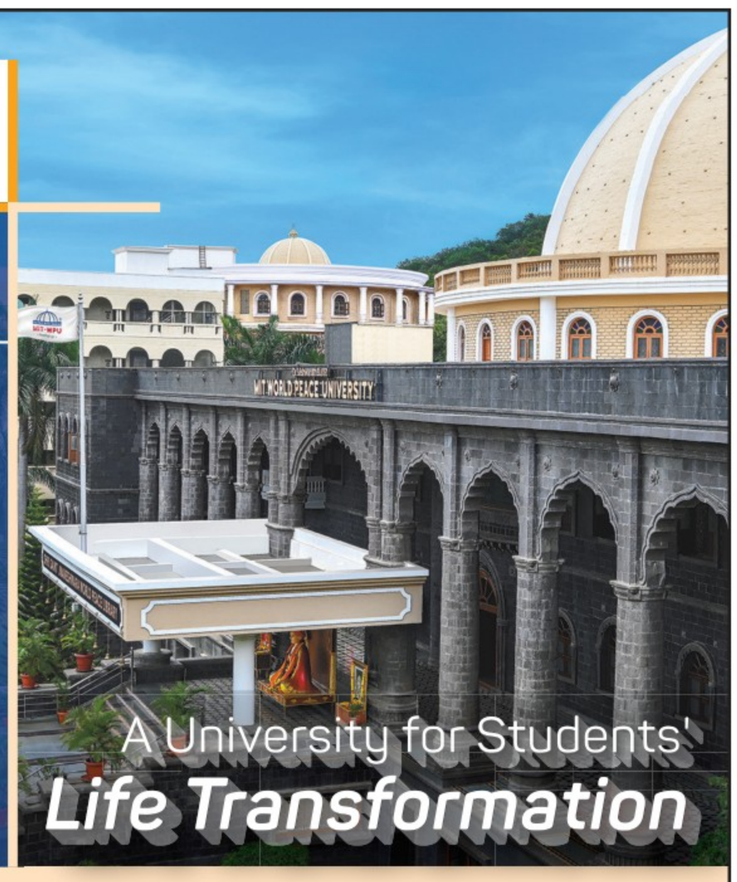

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Sd/-
Project Director
DIPR/CP/4289/Zen/2022-23 **Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, Bengaluru**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I the under signed bring to the notice of the General Public that my client intended to purchase the Schedule Property as mentioned hereunder from its owner **SMT. TEJASWINI. N. @ JOTHI,** Daughter of Sri. G. H. Nagaraja and Wife of Sri. Vijay Kumar. G. who has represented that she has acquired the ownership and possession to below mentioned Schedule Property in terms of (1) Sale Deed dated 09/08/2001 registered as document No. 1764/2001-02 of Book I, Volume 4897 at pages 71 to 78, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore (2) Will dated 28/03/2009 registered as Document No. 86/2008-09 of Book III, stored in CD No. GNRD7, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar), Bangalore & (3) Gift Deed dated 29/06/2018 registered as document No. 1356/2018-19 of Book I, stored in CD No. GNRD145, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar), Bangalore. If any person/s, company, bank, financial institutions etc., has/having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest, possession over the Schedule Property, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims **within Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential property bearing Municipal No. 174, PID No. 99-164-174, situated at 2nd Main Road, 2nd Stage, 1st Block Rajmahal Vilas Extension, BBMP Ward No. 99 – Aramane Nagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 28 Meters and North to South 15 Meters, measuring in total 420 Square Meters, together with residential house on the ground, first and second floor with a total built up area of 4810 Square Feet and bounded on the : -

East by : Road;
West by : BDA Land;
North by : Site No. 175;
South by : Site No. 173.

Sd/- HARSHAVARDHANA. GA
Advocate,No. 1/3, Jeevan Building,
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No: BMICAPA/TP-2/CLU/36/2017-18 Date : 24.01.2023

PUBLICATION

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Kumar.B.N S/o Basavaraju has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agricultural" Zone to "Residential" Zone under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining to Sy.no:156/2 Extent 05Acre-03Guntas of Doddankanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya district. As per the approved Master plan for Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Local Planning Area the proposed land is earmarked for "Agriculture" purpose. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. The poor and Middle class people will get sites at reasonable prices.
2. Local people and other Labourers will get work in the formation of the Layout.
3. With this layout formation others places around our land will also be benefited.
4. With this layout formation public will be benefited with Good Roads, Civic Amenities places and Parks.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/4282/AKAR/22-23 **Sd/- Member Secretary B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client has intended to purchase and entered an agreement of sale/absolute sale deed with **H.Yashoda w/o S. Ramakrishna** residing at #60, 3rd Cross, SH Layout Kavalbyrasandra, Bengaluru-560 032 to purchase the schedule property. If any person/s, financial institution etc., having any claims/objection for the sale of schedule property in favour of my client may lodge their claims/objection with documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and no claims thereafter will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property vacant site 66 formed in converted Survey No. 46/1 situated at Sakamma Hanumanthappa Layout, Kavalbyrasandra Kasaba Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk, Benagaluru, converted vide conversion order No.BDIS ALN SR 125/1979-80, dated 08-04-1980 BBMP **Ward NO. 95 New Ward No.32,** Measuring **East to West : 30 ft , North to South 40ft, in Total 1200 sq ft,** bounded on **East by - Road, West by : Site No. 61, North by: Site No. 67, South by : Site No. 65**

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Short Term tender Notification (Through e-procurement)
IFT No.17/2022-23 Date: 21-01-2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka the undersigned has invited itemised tender as per terms and conditions of "standard tender documents" for **03** No of works under Various scheme fund in the areas coming under the Hunsur division from the eligible registered contactors under PWD through e-procurement. Maximum amount put to tender Rs.80.45 Lakhs and Minimum amount put to tender Rs.21.15 lakhs. Maximum EMD amount Rs.**160900**/- and Minimum EMD amount is Rs.**50000**/-. Last date for submission of filled tender documents for SL. No 01& 02 is dt30-01-2023 and for SL. No 03 is dt 03-02-2023 upto 16.00 Hours. Period for completion of works (including monsoon): Maximum – 06 months and Minimum-2 months. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in From 21.01.2023 for Sl No 01&02 and for Sl No **03** from 25.01.2023. For more details visit the undersigned during office working hours.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/912/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHITRADURGA
(District Urban Dvelopment Cell)
Telephone No: 08194-225713, E-mail: dudc_ctg@yahoo.co.in
No: DUDC/NAGAROTHANA Phase 05/TS 47/2022-23 Date: 19.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Chitradurga District invites tenders in Two cover system through e-portal using KW- 3 document from class-1 PWD contractors for Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) Project 5% Incentive Grant in Hiriyur CMC, Chitradurga District Package works as detailed below:-

Description of work: 1) Package No. 01: Development of Road, Parks and other works in Hiriyur CMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) 5% Incentive Grant Indent No. DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 145439. **Estimate Cost:** Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. **Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST):** Rs. 84.58 Lakhs. **EMD Amount:** Rs. 1.69 Lakhs. **Duration (including Monsoon):** 06 Months. 2) Package No. 02: Development of Road and other works in Hiriyur CMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) 5% Incentive Grant Indent No. DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK INDENT 145442. **Estimate Cost:** Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. **Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST):** Rs. 84.71 Lakhs. **EMD Amount:** Rs. 1.69 Lakhs. **Duration (including Monsoon):** 06 Months. 3) Package No. 03:- Development of Road, Parks and other works in Hiriyur CMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) 5% Incentive Grant Indent No. DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK INDENT 145445. **Estimate Cost:** Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. **Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST):** Rs. 84.69 Lakhs. **EMD Amount:** Rs. 1.69 Lakhs. **Duration (including Monsoon):** 06 Months.

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from from the e-Procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: 1) Pre-Qualification meeting for Bidders: 30-01-2023 @ 11:00 AM. 2) Last date for Submitting Queries: 01-02-2023 @ 05:30 PM. 3) Last Date for uploading tender documents: 06-02-2023 @ 05:30 PM. 4) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 08-02-2023 @ 05:30 AM. 5) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids): After Technical Bid Approval.

Any changes in the tender conditions administrative problems and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban
RO No. 903: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 Dvelopment Cell, Chitradurga

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-76(9)/22-23/12343 Date: 23.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No.** KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-36/Call-2 Dated:16.12.2022 for the work of **"Repairs to faulty 150MVA 220/66kV CGL make power transformer failed at 66/11kV SRS Peenya R/s sub-station in TL&SS Division SRS Peenya"**, pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 27.01.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560009. Ph./Fax : 22386686-85

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 – 222318
email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KW- 4:2022-23: 4252 Date: 23.01.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on e-procurement Portal. **Head of Account: 3054 SH Maintenance for the year 2022-23.** two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. **01 Work WORK_INDENT160049**. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **31-01-2023 Time 16.00**, Date and Time for opening of tender **01-02-2023 Time 16.30.** Estimate Amount Rs. 200.00 Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded on or afterwards dated: 23-01-2023 from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/Clarification Date & Other information as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Note: Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in e-procurement portal & no separate notification will be published in news paper.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/591/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our Client, **Mr. K. Narayanaswamy, son of Late Mr. Narayanappa,** residing at No. 896, Nandini Nilaya, Kolar – 563 101, is presently the sole and absolute owner of the immovable property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and referred to herein as "**Schedule Property**". Our Client states that the following documents have been irretrievably lost and misplaced:

1. Sale Deed dated 28.12.1961, registered as Document No. 3076/1961-62, in Book-I, Volume No. 1011, at Pages 194 to 196, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
2. Gift Deed dated 11.08.1971 registered as Document No. 1693/1971-72, in Book-I, Volume No. 1310, at Pages 1 and 2, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
3. Gift Deed dated 12.08.1981 registered as Document No. 770/1981-82, in Book-I, Volume No. 1624, at Pages 33 to 36, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
4. Sale Deed dated 07.02.2001 registered as Document No. 10665/2000-01, in Book-I, Volume No. 1879, at Pages 210 to 217, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram.
5. Sale Deed dated 09.02.2007 registered as Document No. KRI-1-32476-2006-07, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KRID-284, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram.
6. Sale Deed dated 22.08.2012 registered as Document No. INR-1-02400-2012-13, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. INRD-42, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar.
7. Joint Development Agreement dated 25.03.2013 registered as Document No. BNS-1-15071-2012-13, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. BNSD-272, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi.
8. Termination Deed dated 20.03.2021 registered as Document No. KRI-1-10905-2020-21, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KRID-1196, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram.

In this regard, a complaint regarding the loss of the aforementioned original documents was lodged with the Kolar City Police, Kolar, on 20.01.2023, and the same was acknowledged bearing GSC No. PO0805230600023.

The general public are hereby notified that any person/s having found or having custody of the aforementioned original documents relating to the Schedule Property, are called upon to handover and deliver the same forthwith to the undersigned at the address mentioned below; or to lodge their claims or objections, if any, in writing together with documentary proof of such claims, so as to reach us at the address mentioned below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land converted for non-agricultural Dairy and Poultry Farming purposes, measuring an extent of 1 Acre bearing Khatha No. 63, comprised in Survey No. 34/1, situated at Bandapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Property belonging to Indiana Dairy;
On the West by : Land in Survey No. 33/2;
On the North by : Land in Survey No. 32; and
On the South by : Old Madras Road.

Vinuth Gowda, Partner
DUA ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Solicitors
130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru-560 042
Phone : +91-80-2558 8799/2558 9909, Fax: +91-80-2558 8801
Email: vinuth@duaassociates.com

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 25.01.2023

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Regional Office : No. LF-10, 4 th Cross Road, Near RBI Staff Quarters, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096, Phone No. **23598862/64/65**

NOTICE

E-106/CWC-Consultant/RO-BLR/2023 Date: 25.01.2023

CWC is inviting online Applications for retired employees of Central Warehousing Corporation or any other PSUs / Government to work as Rajbhasha Consultant. Further details available in CWC website **https://cwceportal.com/Careers**

Sd /- Regional Manager

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, (Transport), Room No. 113, Council Building, N.R. Square, Bangalore- 560 002.

No.EE/(Transport)/QTN/02/2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023

SHORT TERM QUOTATION NOTIFICATION FOR RATES
(Through GoK e-procurement portal only)

The quotations are invited from the reputed Agencies / Suppliers / Distributors / Contractor for the work of **Supplying, Complete Repair and Service of Machineries of Processing Section, Preparatory Section and Refinement Section in Lingadeeranahalli Solid Waste Processing Plant, BBMP II Phase (Additional Works).** Interested supplier / agencies are requested to submit / upload their quotation through e-procurement on or before **01.02.2023 upto 5.30 p.m.** The quotation shall be opened on **02.02.2023 at 5.30 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Transport)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bangalore.

No.: EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/20/2022-23 Date :24.01.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System) (2nd Call)

The Executive Engineer, Mahalakhshmipuram Division, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Resurfacing and asphalt roads to Kamakshipalya Main Road and surrounding area in Ward No. 58, Vrushabhavathinagara.	80.00	1,60,000/-
2.	Improvements of CC Road at 7th Main of J.C. Nagara and surrounding area in Ward No. 52, Mahalakshmipuram.	70.00	1,40,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **2)** Pre-bid meeting : **27.01.2023 at 11.30 Hrs. 3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **02.02.2023 upto 15.00 hrs. 4)** Date of opening of Technical bids: **04.02.2023 at 11.00 hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk: 080-22441076.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division.

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No. BMICAPA/CLU-01/44/2022-23/1740 Date: 24.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961]

Sri S.V. Manish S/o Vimala has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** Zone which land is reserved for Agriculture purpose in approved Master plan under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining SyNo:103/10 Extent 00Acre-30Guntas and Sy.No:104/1 Extent 01Acre-10Guntas totally measuring 02Acre of B.M.Kaval Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1) By developing the layout in the above said lands, the poor and middle class people will get the sites for reasonable price.
2) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for labourers.
3) Surrounding area will be developed by developing the layout in the above said lands.
4) By planned layout the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good Roads, parks, etc.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/JA/4300/2022-23 **Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
District Urban Development Cell, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara
Telephone No : 080-27274108 E-Mail : dudc_ramanagara@yahoo.co.in
No : DUDC/MUN(1)/Amrutha Nagarothana-4/ CHANNAPATNA/CR-168/2022-23, Dated : 21.01.2023.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara invites tenders from class-1 contractors for Amrutha Nagarothana(Municipality)-4 Project works as detailed below :-

Sl. No.	Description of work	Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Period of Construction
1.	**Construction of rest house, Anganawadi buildings and Physically challenged friendly toilets and ramp in City Municipal Council (CMC), Channapatna, Ramanagara District under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4 Scheme (Indent No DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 144785)**	175.59 (Excluding GST)	2.64	18 Months

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-Procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calender of Events and other information's are as follows:

1	Pre-bid meeting	: 30-01-2023 at 11.00-12.00 noon
2	Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents	: 06-02-2023 up to 17.00 hrs.
3	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	: 07-02-2023 after 17.20 pm

Tender conditions and further information can be obtained from the said office during working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the conditions will be notified on e-procurement portal only and newspaper advertisement will not be published.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
District Urban Development Cell,
Ramanagara District, Ramanagara

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWP&IWTD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/8189 Date:24.01.2023

CORRIZENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub: Extension of Time of Tender
Ref: This Office tender notification No:EE/PWD&IWTD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/7746 Dt: 10.01.2023

Under this Office NIT cited above, the calender of events for the indent no 163174, is extended as follows

1) Pre-Bid meeting: **25.01.2023 (11.00 Hrs)**, 2) Last date for queries : **27.01.2023 (17.30 Hrs),** 3) Last date for Submission of tender : **30.01.2023 (16.00 Hrs)**, 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **31.01.2023 (16.30 Hrs)**, 5) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **02.02.2023 (11.30 Hrs)**

The attached Bid Document No (KW-4) 162357 stands cancelled. And newly attached Bid document No (KW-4) 163174 shall be considered.

DIP/Kalaburagi/1162/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi**

RAICHUR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, RAICHUR

No: RUDA/TECH/CA/ALLOT/2022-23/2051 DATE: 23-01-2023

Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Civic Amenities Allotment) Rules 1991 U/s 3(3)

Notification for Civic Amenities Allotment:

The Raichur Urban Development Authority has invited applications for disbursement of civil service facilities available in the approved private areas of its project area to eligible organizations.

The prescribed application form can be obtained at the office of the authority by payment of Rs.1,000/- The completed application form should be submitted to the Commissioner, Raichur Urban Development Authority, Raichur on or before Date: 04-02-2023 at 05-30 pm. Subsequent applications or applications that have not been filled properly will be rejected without consideration.

Further information / details can be made to the Office of the Authority during office hours and has been published to the Index.

Sd/- Commissioner
Urban Development Authority
Raichur.
DIP/Raichur/562/KSMC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Chairman
Urban Development Authority,
Raichur.

INBRIEF

Can't make it to Bharat Jodo Yatra valedictory event: HDD

Appreciating Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for taking up the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Tuesday conveyed to Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge that he would not be able to attend the valedictory programme of the yatra in Srinagar. "It is appropriate that the function is being organised on the day the Father of the Nation attained martyrdom. I may not be able to attend the function but my best wishes are with Rahul Gandhi," he said in a letter to Mr. Kharge. Mr. Gowda said, "He (Mr. Gandhi) is fighting violence and hatred, and has walked 3,500 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, spreading the message of harmony among people. Please convey my deep appreciation to him."

K. MURALI KUMAR

Anganwadi workers on an indefinite protest

Thousands of anganwadi workers from across the State have congregated at Freedom Park in Bengaluru for an indefinite strike demanding that they be considered primary school teachers and provided all facilities, including gratuity. Anganwadi workers began their indefinite protest on Monday and have been sleeping in the open, in biting cold. The protesters on Tuesday expressed their anger at the government for not responding to their demands.

From Page One

PSI exam scam kingpin accuses CID officer of taking ₹76 lakh bribe

Copies of the letter were marked to the Additional Director-General of Police (CID), the Police Commissioner of Kalaburagi, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, and 'all media friends'.

Hours before Rudragowda Patil surrendered before a court in Kalaburagi on Monday in connection with a case of him pushing the CID officers who had come to his residence to arrest him and escaping from their clutches, a video clip of him describing the sequence of events that unfolded since the Enforcement Directorate sleuths raided his residence on January 19 was uploaded on R.D. Patil Yuva Brigade, Afzalpur, Facebook page.

Dismisses allegations

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, however, dismissed the allegations saying they are an attempt to mentally weaken him and get him removed from the investigation team. "He [Rudragowda] wants me and my team to go out of the investigation of the PSI recruitment scam. We are thoroughly investigating the case and getting everybody involved in the case. As many as 20 candidates who had joined hands with him have so far been brought to justice... More FIRs against him would lead to invoking provisions of the stringent Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act, 2000, against him. In order to avoid this, he wants us to go out of the investigating team," the officer told *The Hindu*.

When asked about the audio clip that Rudragowda Patil attached with his complaint to the Lokayukta, Mr. Shankargowda Patil admitted its authenticity by stating that the conversation was recorded in the second week of July 2022 when the accused was being questioned in the CID custody.

"It was recorded when I was questioning him. We asked questions about the case. He attempted to divert the issue and talked of luring us. I clearly noticed it and even mentioned it in my report that was submitted to the court on July 16, 2022," Mr. Shankargowda Patil said.

Bhavani declares she is Hassan candidate; HDK insists it will be an 'ordinary worker'

H.P. Swaroop, former ZP vice-president, is also an aspirant for the party ticket; Kumaraswamy is said to be upset with Bhavani's statement

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN/BENGALURU

Bhavani Revanna

Candidate selection to fight the Assembly election from Hassan district has got more muddled for the Janata Dal (Secular), with Bhavani Revanna, wife of party legislator and former Minister H.D. Revanna, publicly claiming that she has been chosen as the nominee to contest from Hassan constituency. Contradicting her, the former Chief Minister and her brother-in-law H.D. Kumaraswamy has denied that she is the party's choice and insisted that it will be an "ordinary party worker".

'Familiarising myself'

Speaking at Kakkenahalli near Salagame in Hassan, Ms. Bhavani said, "All leaders have decided to field me as the candidate. They will make an announcement soon." She went on to say that she was visiting villages to familiarise herself with the constituency.

Ms. Bhavani, a former Hassan Zilla Panchayat member, and H.P. Swaroop, former vice-president of the ZP and son of the former JD(S) legislator late H.S. Prakash, are vying to be the party's candidate from Hassan constituency. It is currently represented by Preetham Gowda of the BJP. Incidentally, Ms. Bhavani's younger son Prajwal Revanna is an MP representing Hassan Lok Sabha constituency while elder son Suraj Revanna is a Member of Legislative Council. The JD(S) won seven seats in Hassan district in 2018.

Responding to Ms. Bhavani's claim, Mr. Kumaraswamy, who is currently touring Raichur district as part of the Pancharatna Yatre, said at Mudgalpet village in Lingsugur taluk on Tuesday, "I have already stated in the past that an ordinary party worker is enough to defeat that man (Mr. Preetham Gowda) in Hassan. Do not worry, we will retain an ordinary party worker." Party sources also said that Mr. Kumaraswamy has not taken to Ms. Bhavani's public statement kindly, and that the party has almost decided on Mr. Swaroop.

Stating that he was not aware as to why Ms. Bhavani made such a statement, ticket hopeful Mr. Swaroop said, "The party is yet to take the final decision on its candidate. I don't know why she made the statement.... The party had fielded my father six times, of which he won four times. We are indebted to the party and the family." He added he had already begun campaigning in the constituency.

Delay in choice

JD(S) sources said that while the first list of 93 candidates has been announced already, the party has refrained from announcing names for some constituencies in Hassan district as candidate selection has not been finalised. The delay in Pancharatna Yatre in Hassan too has been attributed to candidate selection. Sources indicated that incumbent legislator from Arsikere K.M. Shivalinge Gowda, who is expected to join the Congress, is likely to be replaced by Ashok as the party candidate while Arkalgud legislator A.T. Ramaswamy is not inclined to contest on the party ticket.

Pancharatna Yatre covers 50 Assembly segments, giving JD(S) an advantage

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The crowd during JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy's Pancharatna Yatre in Lingsugur taluk of Raichur district on Tuesday.

As the Pancharatna Yatre of the Janata Dal (Secular) crossed 50 constituencies this week after its launch in November, it seems to have created a buzz in several constituencies as the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress – yet to announce their candidates – have so far not launched their Assembly segment-wise campaigns.

Second list soon

While it is being widely speculated in political circles that the Election Commission of India is likely to announce dates for elections in the third week of March, the Congress has launched the Prajadhwani campaign and the BJP has launched Vijaya Sankalpa Yatre which are not Assembly segment-specific campaigns. On the other hand, the JD(S), which announced the list of 93 candidates, including 31 incumbent legislators, has taken its Pancharatna Yatre to the village and hobli level. It is likely to release its second list in the next few days.

A couple of Congress leaders acknowledged that the JD(S) now had the early starter advantage in several constituencies represented by its legislators, but faced an anti-incumbency factor. "Even in constituencies not represented by the JD(S), the crowd during the yatre has been good," said a Congress leader. Acknowledging that the early start of the campaign has given the JD (S) the advantage, a BJP leader from Old Mysore region said that the strategy of announcing the candidates and then taking out the yatre had its advantages.

Vote conversion

The JD(S), sources said, is also strategising on the conversion of these numbers into votes, a problem that the party has faced as it has failed to capitalise on the popularity of its leader H.D. Kumaraswamy. "Voters are being approached based on segregation of caste, income, age, employment, qualification, and issues. Panchratna Yatre is being followed up by candidates visiting individual homes," said a leader. Further, the war room in Bengaluru has kept the candidates on their toes as they are being asked to geotag locations on their movement. "We are hopeful that the vote conversion rate will be higher this time. Booth-level committees will be forming teams as a follow up of Pancharatna Yatre."

JD(S) sources claimed that the Grama Vastavya (village stay) of Mr. Kumaraswamy had been hugely successful and that if the party came to power, these villages would be taken under a scheme called 'CM's Model Village' for their comprehensive development. By the third week of March, Mr. Kumaraswamy is expected to have stayed in at least 100 villages.

Shah to visit Hubballi, Belagavi from Friday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is visiting the State again on January 27 and 28 to review the BJP's preparations for the Assembly elections.

According to sources in the party, Mr. Shah will this time visit Hubballi and Belagavi. He had visited Bengaluru, Mandya, and Bengaluru Rural districts during his earlier trip to the State in December-end. This is his second visit to the State in about a month.

He is expected to hold a public meeting in Belagavi apart from holding consultations with prominent party leaders from the State. Similar programmes are being chalked out in Hubballi. Party State leaders feel that Mr. Shah is resorting to micromanagement at the regional and district level this time in a bid to brighten the party's poll prospects in key areas. "His previous visit focussed on making inroads into the Vokkaliga heartland of Mandya district. This time, he is focusing on the prominent districts of Belagavi and Hubballi," a senior leader of the party State unit said.

The BJP has chosen Belagavi as one of its focus districts as it accounts for 18 Assembly seats of the total 224 in Karnataka and stands next only to Bengaluru that accounts for 28 Assembly seats. Also, the political situation in Belagavi appears to be fluid in the wake of powerful local leader Ramesh Jarkiholi remaining disgruntled after he was dropped from the Ministry. Similarly, the death of its senior leader Umesh Katti, who too had a substantial political hold, has pushed the party into a cautious mode in Belagavi.

Hubballi has remained a prominent area for the BJP due to the city's links with the RSS for a long time.

Two new judges join High Court, taking number to 51

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Justice Ramachandra D. Huddar and Justice Venkatesh Naik T. were administered the oath by the Governor

The number of judges in the High Court of Karnataka rose to 51 on Tuesday as two additional judges were administered the oath of office by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan.

Born in Mutnal in Belagavi district, 59-year-old Justice Ramachandra D. Huddar, completed the law degree course from R.L. Law College in Belagavi. He was selected for the post of Munsif in the State Judicial Services in 1995 and later promoted to the cadre of district judge. He has served as Additional Registrar General and Registrar (Administration) in the High Court. He has also served as the judge of the special court to exclusively deal with criminal cases against MLAs and MPs in Karnataka. He was serving as the Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge prior to his elevation.

A native of Madakaripura in Chidradurga district, 47-year-old Justice Venkatesh Naik T. joined the State Judicial Service in 2012 as a district judge. He was the only one selected for the post out of 691 candidates in the 2011 batch recruitment process conducted by the High Court. He has served in various posts, including Registrar (Administration), High Court; Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Government of Karnataka. He was serving as the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural district, prior to his election.

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Tenders are invited by the under signed from registered eligible contractors for work Indent No: 1347, 1349, 1294, 1295 and 1367 Costing of Rs. 23.50 Lakhs to Rs. 417.13 Lakhs. The intending bidders for work details may login to e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till 08.02.2023 up to 05.00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on 09.02.2023 at 05.01 PM (if possible) and Financial bids will be opened on 13.02.2023 at 11.00 AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone Number 08354-295372.

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1) Notification Date : 23-01-2023 2) Download of tender schedule documents online: 24-01-2023 3) Pre Bid Meeting at Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&S, Division, Raichur, 2nd Floor, Zilla Panchyath, Raichur: 01-02-2023 at 11:00 3)Last date for receiving of filled tender documents : 10-02-2023 at 4:30 Pm 4) Opening of Technical bid: 11-02-2023 at 5:30 Am 5)Opening of Financial bid: 12-02-2023 at 5:30 Am

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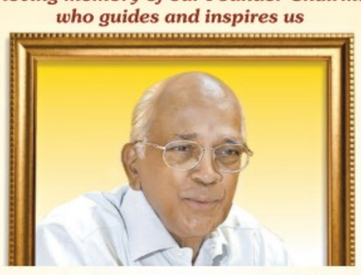

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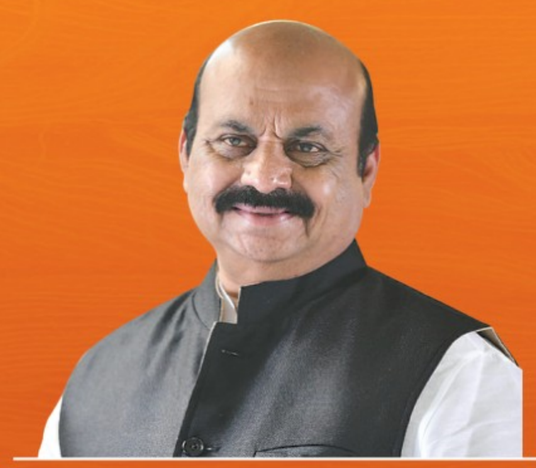
Historic Decisions for Weavers' Welfare



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Programs implemented for the welfare of Weavers

- Annual relief for handloom weavers increased **from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000** under the Karnataka Nekar Samman Yojana. **Rs.23.43 crore relief paid to 46,864 weavers** in the current year through DBT.
- **For the first time in the state**, in 2022-23, Nekar Samman Yojana has been extended to weavers engaged in power loom and pre-loom activities and labourers. **Rs.51.49 crore** relief paid to **1,02,980 beneficiaries** in the current year through DBT.
- Steps taken to establish a Modern Textile Park at Khursapura Village, Bankapura Hobli, Shiggaon Taluk, Haveri District. The park will create **3,000 job** opportunities.
- Implemented a scheme that provides up to 50% and a maximum of **Rs.50 lakh** capital subsidy to micro textile entrepreneurs from the general category who establish textile units by investing up to **Rs. 1 crore**.
- To implement a scheme that provides **interest-free loans up to Rs. 2.00 lakh** for various weaving activities from 2023-24

Novel schemes to encourage handloom weavers

- To consider weaving activities carried out at home as a **cottage industry** and exempt such activities from the Pollution Control Board.
- **Order issued to procure uniforms distributed to school students under the Vidyavikasa Yojane entirely from weavers.**
- Decision taken to meet 25% of the uniform requirement of various departments through the Handloom Corporation.
- Decision taken to issue Occupancy Certificates to weavers' loom houses located in residential areas.
- Free electricity supply to power loom units and those engaged in pre-loom activities having up to 5 HP capacity electricity connection.
- Decision taken to give 50% discount on Fixed Charges.
- Plans are afoot to include weavers under the unorganized sector and extend the facilities given to the Building Construction Workers to professional weavers as well.

Under the joint aegis of
The Development Commissioner (Handloom), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi
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New Secretariat in Telangana getting ready for inauguration

The B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat is getting ready for inauguration by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on February 17, coinciding with his birthday. The iconic complex will be inaugurated between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., the auspicious time suggested by vedic pundits.

Minister Nasar loses his temper, throws clod at worker

Tamil Nadu Minister for Dairy Development S.M. Nasar on Tuesday lost his cool and threw a clod at a worker, upset at the delay in bringing a chair for him to sit at a place where he had gone to inspect preparations for a function. The video of the Minister throwing the clod went viral.

Mass mortality of Olive Ridley turtles in A.P. raises concerns

Locals blame it on effluents from oil exploration facilities, aqua ponds; as many as 70 turtles have been found dead in their breeding grounds between Kakinada and Antarvedi this month

T. Appala Naidu
SAKHINETIPALLI

Hundreds of dead Olive Ridley turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) have washed ashore along the coastline between Kakinada and Antarvedi in the Godavari region of Andhra Pradesh during the ongoing annual breeding season on the east coast.

The breeding grounds – Sakhinetipalli, Malikipuram, Mamidikuduru and Allavaram – have been witnessing the mass mortality of the turtles over the past few weeks.

The effluents being released from the aqua ponds along the coastline and the discharges from the pipelines of the onshore oil exploration facilities are blamed for the mass mortality of the turtles. Since early January, a group of locals have photographed as many as 70 Olive Ridley turtles that have been found dead in their breeding grounds between Kakinada and Antarvedi.

Sad end: The carcass of an Olive Ridley turtle on the coastline of Konaseema district in A.P. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

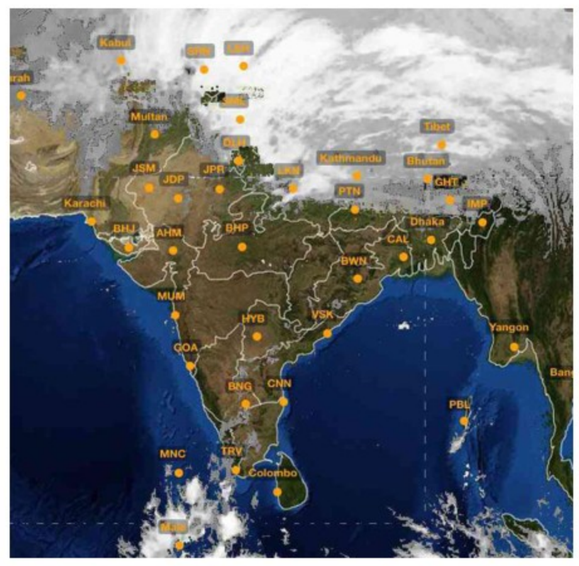
Environmental activist Venkatipathiraja Yenumala, in a complaint to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the AP Forest Department and the Pollution Control Board, said, "There is mass mortality of Olive Ridley turtles in the Mandals of Sakhinetipalli, Malikipuram, Mamidikuduru and Allavaram in the Konaseema region, where treated water is being discharged into the sea through pipelines by the oil exploration units, including ONGC facilities."

In 2021, Mr. Venkatipathiraja waged a legal battle against the marine and groundwater pollution in the Konaseema region in the National Green Tribunal. "The waste water from the aqua ponds is also being released into the sea and it is suspected to be one of the reasons for the mortality of turtles," Mr. Venkatipathiraja told *The Hindu*.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District Forest Officer M.V. Prasada Rao said, "We have launched a probe into the mortality of Olive Ridley turtles in our district."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/hail likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.6	13.0	Kozhikode	—	33.4	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	25.0	10.0	Kurnool	—	32.9	19.3
Aizawl	—	23.6	6.8	Lucknow	—	26.0	13.3
Allahabad	—	29.1	12.6	Madurai	1	30.6	23.0
Bengaluru	—	26.6	18.5	Mangaluru	—	29.9	23.4
Bhopal	—	—	15.0	Mumbai	—	26.0	14.8
Bhubaneswar	—	33.5	15.1	Mysuru	—	30.0	10.4
Chandigarh	1.2	20.8	10.0	New Delhi	—	21.6	12.3
Chennai	—	30.1	22.9	Patna	—	27.4	12.6
Coimbatore	—	29.9	22.8	Port Blair	—	31.0	23.3
Dehradun	—	23.4	9.6	Puducherry	—	31.3	20.4
Gangtok	—	14.3	5.7	Pune	—	31.4	14.7
Goa	—	30.5	19.6	Raipur	—	31.4	16.7
Guwahati	—	26.2	10.8	Ranchi	—	29.8	13.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	17.3	5.6
Hyderabad	—	30.0	18.6	Shimla	0.5	11.5	2.6
Imphal	—	24.8	5.2	Srinagar	—	7.5	-2.3
Jaipur	—	18.6	13.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.0	24.6
Kochi	—	30.2	25.8	Tiruchi	6	31.3	22.6
Kohima	—	17.8	5.8	Vijayawada	—	29.6	20.2
Kolkata	—	28.7	17.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.0	20.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	18	61	225	166	
Bengaluru	17	33	94	—	78	
Chennai	21	25	37	110	86	
Delhi	10	214	53	304	213	
Hyderabad	5	44	34	97	137	
Kolkata	13	14	11	312	148	
Lucknow	22	42	81	233	222	
Mumbai	18	173	70	347	176	
Pune	—	23	52	342	213	
Visakhapatnam	—	52	19	210	202	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 439 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 24

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Men must remember it is better to wear out than rust out: HC

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A husband must remember that "it is better to wear out than rust out", the High Court of Karnataka observed while rejecting the plea of a man who had sought maintenance of ₹2 lakh from his wife on the ground that he had lost his job due to COVID-19.

"Merely because he has lost his job on the onset of COVID-19, it cannot be held that he is incapable of earning. Therefore, it can be irrefutably concluded that the husband by his own conduct has decided to lead a leisurely life by seeking maintenance from the hands of the wife," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while rejecting an appeal filed by a 28-year-old man questioning the Family Court's October 2022 order directing him to pay ₹10,000 per month as maintenance to his wife.

The petitioner had also sought a direction from the High Court that his 25-year-old wife should pay him ₹2 lakh monthly maintenance and ₹30,000 as litigation charges as he had lost his job due to the pandemic and remained jobless for the past two years.

'Promoting idleness'

However, the court said that though Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act is gender neutral for grant of maintenance during the pendency of the divorce petition, it would be promoting idleness notwithstanding the fact that the husband has no impediment or handicap to earn.

In arriving at this conclusion, the High Court cited the judgement of the apex court, which had held that "if the husband is an able-bodied man, he cannot project the plea that he has no means to pay. It is necessary for any husband to earn by legitimate means and maintain the wife, and the children if any." "The husband cannot afford to incapacitate himself and sustain an application under Section 24 of the Act to claim maintenance from the hand's wife. This would be an anathema to the spirit of Section 24 of the Act ...", the High Court said.

The couple got married in February 2017, and the husband initiated a plea for divorce in 2021 before the Family Court after the wife allegedly left the matrimonial home. Subsequently, the wife filed a plea for restitution of conjugal rights.

In November 2021, she sought interim monthly maintenance of ₹25,000 and ₹1 lakh for litigation expenses from him, and the husband opposed her plea. However, in August 2022, the husband came up with a counter plea before the Family Court seeking maintenance from her. While the husband had claimed that his wife's parents are rich, the wife had claimed that he was employed and earning at least ₹50,000 per month salary apart from earning rental income up to ₹75,000 per month.

However, both of them had not provided any documents in support of these claims, following this, the Family Court, while applying the apex court's judgement on the duty of the able-bodied husband to pay maintenance to wife, had ordered payment of interim maintenance amount to wife.

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CP (CAA) NO. 59/BB/2022
CONNECTED WITH
CA (CAA) NO. 49/BB/2022

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The roles of loan officer and bank officer registered a massive increase in jobs (Photo used for representational purpose)

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Phase	Schedule	Date of Recruitment	Last Date to Apply	Joining Date
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A chance for peace

India should engage Pakistan if it comes forward to normalise relations

On the eternally rough road of India-Pakistan ties, any offer of talks, like the one made by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif last week, is cause for equal measure of excitement and cynicism. His words, in an interview to a UAE channel, that Pakistan "had learnt a lesson from three wars" with India and wants to "live in peace with India provided we are able to resolve our genuine problems" including "burning points like Kashmir" were seen in New Delhi more as him clutching at straws, at a time when his country is in turmoil. Politically, Mr. Sharif has to face elections later this year, and continues to be challenged by the opposition led by former leader Imran Khan. Economically, Pakistan is in imminent danger of a debt default, and is being held together by assurances of support from the UAE, Saudi Arabia and China, as well as hopes that its IMF bailout package will come through with the adoption of more austerity measures. Pakistan also faces a growing terror threat from its Afghan border, where despite having a friendly regime in control, there are clashes particularly with Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan fighters. Even so, Mr. Sharif's peaceable words, coming a month after a crossing of swords at the UN, indicate that there is an understanding that India is not responsible for Pakistan's current state of affairs, and an engagement of some sort would benefit the government there. The Ministry of External Affairs response, that India wants "normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan" provided there is a conducive atmosphere devoid of "terrorism, hostility or violence" suggests that Delhi continues to hold its position, but does not wish to snub Mr. Sharif's offer either.

There is more to the timing of Mr. Sharif's words; as India prepares to host the SCO summit this summer, invitations are going out to ensure participation by Pakistan for the major meetings, and a more cordial relationship will ensure a smoother ride. India's G-20 presidency, and its desire to promote the concerns of the Global South amidst the Ukraine war, would also benefit from peace in the neighbourhood. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Sharif's words were only made for effect, or with a genuine desire to push for talks. If they are indeed followed up by Islamabad, either through the acceptance of the SCO invite, or with a proposal to restore mission strengths in both capitals that have not had Ambassadors since 2019, it is hoped New Delhi would reciprocate. At a time when the government is advising Russia and Ukraine for "dialogue and diplomacy" and is seeking to engage the Taliban out of "pragmatism", it would seem contradictory to refuse such a chance for enhancing regional stability, especially during a year when India's role as a statesman is being highlighted.

Quick exit

India needs to give quality exposure to its young hockey players

India's campaign in its second consecutive hockey World Cup at home had a dream start when local boy Amit Rohidas scored a brilliant goal in front of a packed house and the host beat Spain 2-0 at the spectacular new Birsa Munda Stadium in hockey hub Rourkela. Ten days later, the euphoria burst like a bubble as sixth-ranked India crumbled under pressure against 11th-placed New Zealand and lost the cross-over match via penalty shoot-outs to leave the capacity crowd at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar disheartened. Now India, which finished inside the top-eight in the three previous World Cups it hosted, will play for the ninth to 16th places. The premature exit of India – which had 13 players from the Tokyo Olympics and 14 from the 2018 World Cup (where it reached the quarterfinals) – proved to be a shocker especially as the team entered the World Cup as an Olympic medallist for the first time in over four decades. The post-mortem has begun and questions are being asked about a few past performers being left out of the squad. Even though picking players was a prerogative of those who were tasked with it, some flaws were glaringly obvious.

Poor penalty corner conversion (five out of 26, primarily due to an off-colour drag-flicker and captain Harmanpreet Singh), a porous defensive structure, forwards' below-par showing (four field goals in as many matches), losing ball possession in crucial moments and the overall lack of consistency in maintaining the intensity prevented the Graham Reid-coached side from achieving its potential. Nine goals from 94 circle entries and 49 shots on the goals was a telling statistic on India's woes. Key midfielder Hardik Singh being ruled out due to an injury in the pool stage and ace goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh getting hurt during the shoot-out against New Zealand were big blows. Some experienced hands not getting a chance during the shoot-outs might have hampered India's prospects too. India needs to do a reality check and address the issues quickly ahead of the Asian Games, which is an Olympic qualifying event, this year and the Paris Olympics in 2024. Even though India's 48-year-old wait for a World Cup medal has become longer, Hockey India president and former India captain Dilip Tirkey, who has underlined the areas of concern, needs to take corrective steps to put the team back on track. Executing plans such as reviving the Hockey India League to give quality exposure to young Indian players and identifying a big pool of drag-flickers will contribute in lifting the standard of hockey.

The new and dark interpretations of 'We the People'

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The raging controversy over the very meaning of 'We the People', after the speech made by the Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar at the 83rd all India conference of presiding officers' in Jaipur, Rajasthan, on January 11, needs a closer look. With its particular reference to the judiciary, Mr. Dhankhar's speech was of the view that 'We the People' essentially gives primacy to elected members of Parliament and the State legislatures.

The Speaker of Lok Sabha supported Mr. Dhankar's view that the separation of powers (as enshrined in the Constitution) gives this primacy. Expatiating on this theme, Mr. Dhankhar implied that the separation of powers does not equate the three pillars of democracy: Parliament, judiciary and the executive. In his view (although he did not explicitly say this), as the judiciary and the executive are appointed and not elected directly by the people, they are inferior.

Let us first sort out the meaning of 'We the People'. The Constitution does not define 'people'. Its concern is about citizens and not any group or a particular institution. There are people in the judiciary, in the executive and in most other constitutional institutions. There are also those in the military, the police, public enterprise and the vast private enterprise. They are all people no less.

To identify representatives in the legislature to be the sole representatives of the people is a travesty. Apart from being enshrined in the Constitution, the theory of a separation of powers is basic to any democratic society, more than the letter of the Constitution. It is a case of staggering irony that over seven decades after Independence, the Indian nation is being subject to a re-education of what the essence of democracy is, from a person who as Governor, caused innumerable problems for the elected government of West Bengal.

Democracy in the U.S. and the U.K.

Since the issue of primacy of Parliament along with the judiciary and the executive came into the discussion, let us look at two countries with which Indians are familiar. In the United States, the President has the power to appoint judges, although this should be endorsed by Congress. But the President is directly elected by the people and has prerogatives in several issues which do not apply to a parliamentary democracy. The Prime Minister-in-cabinet does not have the powers of the U.S. President. And hence the possibility of a judicial review to check the suitability or otherwise of the candidates nominated.

> The determination shown by the ruling party to dominate States and chip away at a Constitution framed by some of the best minds in India will only lead the country further away from the precious ideals of democracy

In the case of the United Kingdom, it is run by time-honoured conventions and laws passed by the House of Commons. It does not have a written Constitution which gives judicial review. But strong conventions are in place in spite of the primacy of Parliament. Conventions in the United Kingdom have an inviolable tradition. Laws can be changed, violated and repealed. Even in Parliament, the Speaker of the House of Commons is elected, but becomes a non-party man, choosing when to retire from office.

In India too, the first two Speakers, G.V. Mavalankar and M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar and later Neelam Sanjiva Reddy resigned from the ruling party to give the entire Parliament a sense of impartiality in ensuring a proper place for minority parties. The point is that in the United Kingdom, the House of Commons retains the Speaker if he continues to hold office. This, alas, does not happen in India, in spite of the first two Speakers of the Lok Sabha having tried to set a convention. This lack of convention has drastically affected the running of Parliament. The reluctance to honour conventions made our laws and Constitution strive for greater specificity, often leading to quibbling in language and meaning.

Onslaught on institutions

Democracies cannot be run only by the laws passed in representative Assemblies. They need conventions. B.R. Ambedkar realised that Orientals cannot be trusted with conventions. Unless conventions are solidified into constituent laws and bound by strong threads, institutions may even be destroyed, endangering the very purpose of a Constitution protecting the citizen. Indeed, there is a price to be paid converting conventions into law and B.R. Ambedkar knew it. Today's onslaught on the judiciary is aimed at a powerful constitutional authority which is, by and large, refusing to deviate from its constitutional responsibilities. The fate of the Election Commission of India, independent investigating agencies and the civil service and police are a classic example of a dereliction of constitutional and other legal responsibilities.

The basic structure of the Indian Constitution, as recognised by the Supreme Court of India, is to be protected by it, in spite of any over-reach by the legislature. We can take the case of the executive in relation to government. Mr. Dhankhar, when he was Governor and his ruling party appointed colleagues, over-rode State legislatures with impunity, by not approving Bills or delaying them causing them to lapse into nullity. Where is the power of the people as represented by the legislature?

There is a virtual war in the country now between elected governments in States and the Governors appointed by the Centre, which has brought into focus the question whether we need the institution of Governors in the first place. The Constitution does not intend Governors to be subordinates to the central government or even as detractors of the legitimacy of States. The dangerous portent now is that the Centre consciously feels that it is superior to the States and their Governors are its proxies. This goes against the very dignity of the people of a State as inferior to a higher power outside their State, the constitutional validity of which rightly needs the judiciary as the final judge.

The dangers ahead

In other words, the separation of powers acceptable to the Centre is not applied to the States, where an appointed Governor can defy not only the legislature but also the elected government. Apparently, members of the ruling party members are pushing for greater centralisation not only within constitutional institutions at the Centre but also in States which are ruled by parties other than the national ruling party.

When there is a ruling party determined to dominate States both explicitly and in stealth, there will be strife and conflict endangering the very process of governance. Instead of chipping away at a Constitution framed by the best minds of the Independence movement generation, it will be more honest (*sic*) to go for a Constituent Assembly and seek a more totalitarian state – far from the ideals of democracy enshrined in the Constitution. If the people of India accept such devastating change, so be it. The determination with which the ruling party is approaching the majority in the country will only usher in divisive conflicts between religions, States and regions. Sadly, India will be just another Russia, China or Turkey.

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G. Kishan Reddy

is the Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER. He represents the Secunderabad parliamentary constituency

Today is National Tourism Day (January 25) and the Ministry of Railways, in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, is launching its Jagannath Yatra train package, an eight-day tour that begins in from Delhi, traverses Kashi, Baidyanath Dham, Jagannath Puri, Bhubaneshwar and Konark, and ends at the Vishnupad temple in Gaya. All this is linked to using Bharat Gaurav Trains (or theme-based tourist circuit trains) to highlight India's rich cultural heritage and history. The example given above is one of many cases of a Government of India ministry other than the Tourism Ministry taking the initiative to showcase India's rich heritage using a 'whole of government' approach.

Campaigns so far

The government of India has always felt that the promotion of India's tourism will only be effective when different Ministries at the Union level and States work in cohesion by combining their domain expertise. Over the last eight years, the Ministry of Tourism has prioritised the task of inter-ministerial cooperation and coordination, breaking down silos and working together effectively with other Ministries. Today, the Ministry of Tourism coordinates its work effectively with over 20 central government Ministries in the promotion and the development of tourism in the country. In October 2022, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Home Affairs organised the National Conference on Tourist Police (to develop tourist specific policing), aimed at working with the police and sensitising them on addressing the needs of foreign and domestic tourists.

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Tourism Ministry has begun establishing 'Yuva Tourism' clubs to nurture young ambassadors of Indian tourism. In another instance, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is aiming to make India an attractive cruise tourism destination using state-of-the-art infrastructure. India's middle class is now prioritising some of their discretionary spending on new experiences such as cruises. In partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, tourism officers have been placed in 20 Indian missions in countries that contribute to some of the highest foreign tourist arrivals in India. Their role includes facilitating and providing inputs for country-specific sensibilities and having them reflected in tourism products. Similarly, with the Ministry of Roadways and the Petroleum Ministry, steps are being taken to ensure that highways and fuel stations have clean sanitation infrastructure. The Ministry of Tourism is also funding several commercial flight routes in partnership with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, making them viable.

> Travelling to India is not just a tourism experience but also an avenue to find oneself, a theme which the Ministry of Tourism is working on in coordination with other Ministries

Tourism policy

However, it is not just enough if there is a pledge to work together as this needs to be formalised through structures and institutions. The new draft National Tourism Policy 2022 aims to do just this. The policy has been formulated after situational analysis including the impact of COVID-19 and taking into account future projections for the tourism sector with a vision for India@100. One of the ideas includes an institutional structure that can take concurrent and coordinated action across the Union, State and local government levels in partnership with industry. It is this 'whole of government' approach that has equipped India with the ability to host the G-20 presidency – 20 countries, 11 special invitee countries, and nearly one lakh delegates will participate in 200 meetings at over 50 locations. Every delegate or visitor who is in India to attend the G-20 summit will return as a brand ambassador and spread the word on India's rich cultural, spiritual and natural heritage. In May 2022, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Copenhagen, Denmark, he urged the Indian diaspora to inspire at least five of their non-Indian friends to visit India.

A journey of discovery

Moving ahead on this, the Ministry of Tourism declaration of "Visit India Year 2023" aims to promote various tourism products and destinations to increase India's share in the global tourism market. Data show that domestic tourism has recovered to pre-pandemic levels, even exceeding it in some cases. This is evident in a record 1.84 crore domestic tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir in 2022. Similarly, foreign tourist arrivals are expected to reach pre-pandemic levels.

Travelling to India is not just a tourism experience. It is an avenue to find oneself. India has always been a popular destination for travellers exploring spiritual enlightenment and self-discovery. For centuries many great foreign travellers have visited India and shared their experiences in the form of memoirs, travelogues, poetry and books, as Megasthenes, Hiuen-Tsang, Marco Polo, and Fa-Hien have shown. India is a tourist destination to rekindle one's inner self. As the birthplace to four major world religions, i.e., Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism, India can truly claim to be the world's spiritual beacon. This is at the core of the Visit India Year 2023.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Documentary on 2002

A media house with considerable credibility and which enjoys a viewership that runs into millions now has a documentary on the subject of one of the most terrible riots the nation has witnessed. Many of today's youth were not even born at the time of the riots and all information they have now is based on opinions. Despite the higher judiciary upholding the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) clean chit to the then Gujarat Chief Minister, today's tech-savvy youth are bound to make attempts to gain access to the content. I wish the government counters the "propaganda narrative" of the BBC's documentary with counter facts and evidence rather than imposing an outright ban. Attempts need to be made to foster people's trust in each other and enable healing after deep trauma.

Archana Padmanabhan,
Kochi, Kerala

While the knee-jerk reaction of the government in banning the said documentary may appear excessive, one is at a loss to understand how the BBC arrogates itself the moral high ground and comments on other countries' affairs especially after the British have the blood of millions on their hands. Right from Jallianwala Bagh to Churchill diverting food grains to Europe, thereby causing the Great Bengal famine, the list is long and horrific. As for its claim on fair play, I have yet to see a western reporter report from the Russian side of the border on the Ukraine war.

Padmanabha Upadhyaya,
Bengaluru

Minister on judges

All of us may be on the same page with Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju when he said that the judges did not have to contest elections (Inside pages, January 24). At the same time, one hopes that the Minister will agree that as far as the elected representatives are concerned, victory in the elections does not entitle them to (have) a 'blank cheque'. If the judges are being judged by people, so too are the politicians. Let us make things abundantly clear. It all boils down to the plain fact that the judiciary is not accountable to the executive or politicians, but is there to uphold the rule of the law and ensure justice. It is time the Centre stops sitting on the recommendations for judicial appointments, and also sheds its intransigence and the illusion that it is the lord of all its surveys.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

The Minister's remarks are childish. Comparing judges with politicians is wrong. Any Tom, Dick, and Harry may become a politician, contest elections without any qualification, and become an MLA or an MP and Minister. But one cannot become a lawyer or a judge without the required qualifications. Judges do not face polls because there is no necessity. As for criticism, people do not spare even the courts if the judgment is found to be unfair, as in the case of Bilkis Bano. After being elected, we have seen politicians betraying the trust of those who voted for them by hopping from one party to the other for money and power. What the government wants in this case is to have the judiciary under its control.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

At Bhubaneswar

Indian hockey fans have been left deeply disappointed ('Sport' page, "India tumbles out after a dramatic shootout against New Zealand", January 23). The match against New Zealand was a case of ample goal-scoring opportunities for India but the forwards lacking the required finishing skills.

Gregory Fernandes,
Mumbai

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Developing schools without barriers

"Ma'am, may I please go to the toilet?" or "Can I go play outside?" are usually innocuous requests by most schoolchildren. But for children with disability/disabilities (CWD), these are difficult tasks, due to the higher care needed to complete the actions. These actions become tougher in schools which do not have accessible spaces and guiding infrastructure to get there safely.

A UNESCO 2019 report mentioned that CWD comprise 1.7% of the total child population in India (Census 2011). As they are faced with physical, institutional, socioeconomic and communication barriers from an early age, more than 70% of five-year-olds with disabilities in India have never attended any educational institution, the report said. Many CWD also tend to drop out of school as they grow older.

To motivate all children to meaningfully participate in all indoor and outdoor activities without barriers or limitations, the school ecosystem has to be made safe, accessible, and reliable.

Barriers to accessibility

Several barriers impede the participation of CWD in accessing educational opportunities such as inaccessible school buses; inaccessible facilities in schools (drinking water facilities, canteens and toilets); and inappropriate infrastructure in classrooms (uncomfortable seating, slippery flooring and low illumination). Misinformed attitudes and perceptions among parents, teachers, staff, and communities further influences the child's emotional development.

The lack of teaching and learning practices that integrate inclusive technologies and digital equipment to engage the child, such as assistive devices, are additional challenges. At training programmes conducted by UN-Habitat India and IIT Kharagpur recently, school teachers and special educators said that accessible infrastructure within schools, such as ramps or tactile paths, are either in deficit or have not been constructed utilising suitable materials. School management authorities added that if such provisions are maintained regularly and adequate funding is provided for the construction of new infrastructure, we would have accessible places. The cooperation, involvement, and sensitisation of parents and caregivers, teachers, school management authorities, and the local government departments are required so that all these barriers are actively addressed.

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Article 21A of the Constitution and the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 outline the fundamental right to education and the right to have free and compulsory education for children aged 6-14 years. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which adopted a 'zero rejection policy', emphasises that "every child with special needs, irrespective of the kind, category and degree of disability, is provided meaningful and quality education". India ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Aligning with this commitment, the government launched the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) in 2015. An important pillar of this campaign is accessibility to built environment. The government has also been supportive of the principle of Leave No One Behind (LNOB), which is the central, transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Anchored under the Mainstreaming LNOB project by UN-Habitat, pilot training programmes on enhancing accessibility and inclusion were implemented in two schools in Delhi with support from IIT Kharagpur and the Department of Social Welfare, Delhi government.

Through interactive training sessions and simulation exercises that encourage empathy-building, more than 400 participants, including children, school faculty and staff, were informed about different types of disabilities among children and the specific barriers experienced in different infrastructure zones of a school. After the simulation exercises, children said they will make more efforts to assist their classmates whenever they can. Various good practices, guidelines, and standards for making buildings, campuses, and infrastructure safe, accessible, and inclusive were also showcased. Even if any combination of these accessibility features is added or adapted in schools, it can go a long way in creating inclusive spaces.

Towards inclusivity

Developing inclusive and accessible schools will not only challenge perceptions about CWD, and the associated discrimination, but also help in actualising the zero-rejection policy in schools.

A multi-pronged participatory approach towards providing an enabling environment for the empowerment of future citizens is needed to ensure that stakeholders in the school ecosystem collectively work towards promoting accessibility and inclusion in schools. This includes awareness and sensitisation programmes for children, parents, and caregivers; training trainers for upskilling of school faculty and special educators and providing access to updated teaching toolkits and materials; technical training for local government departments; and a co-learning platform for knowledge-sharing between all.

Additionally, five principles – equitability, usability and durability, affordability, cultural adaptability, and aesthetic appeal – should be embedded from the planning to implementation to evaluation stages of providing infrastructure services in schools.

With the realisation of such an approach, removing the barriers to accessibility will be an uphill, but not insurmountable, battle.

Developing inclusive and accessible schools will help challenge perceptions about children with disabilities and actualise the zero-rejection policy in schools

When foes unite against a common foe

The Sunni groups in Kerala are coming together against the Mujahid movement

STATE OF PLAY

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In the wake of the 10th State conference of the Kerala Nadvathul Mujahideen (KNM) held in Kozhikode, the two prominent Sunni groups that constitute two-thirds of the Muslim community in Kerala have become friends after warring for some time. Although the Mujahid movement in Kerala has splintered in the last two decades, the show of strength of the KNM has pushed the Sunni groups led by Syed Jiffri Muthukoya Thangal of the EK Sunni faction and Kanthapuram A.P. Aboobacker Musliar of the AP Sunni faction towards a new friendship.

Ever since the Samastha Kerala Jem-iyyathul Ulama, with its headquarters in Chelari, split into two in the late 1980s, the AP faction has been at the forefront of taking on Mujahid ideals. The AP faction, which upholds Kerala's traditional, orthodox Islamic customs, has thrived because of its organisational and leadership strengths in the last three decades. Although it was criticised for being "too orthodox and nonprogressive," and for buttressing the Communist Party of India (Marxist) because of its standoff with the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), the Sunni group has become a force to reckon with today. Its leader Mr. Aboobacker Musliar, who is known to the world as Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, is today the most recognised and most respected Islamic leader from Kerala. The 'Grand Mufti of India' is one of his titles.

No Muslim leader, dead or alive, in recent memory in Kerala has been pilloried for

years on end the way Mr. Aboobacker Musliar has been. Apart from the Mujahid groups, with whom he always crossed swords, Mr. Aboobacker Musliar was also constantly baited by most leaders of the EK Sunni faction from 1989 onwards. Mr. Aboobacker Musliar and his followers remained the EK Sunni group's bête noire until Syed Jiffri Muthukoya Thangal became the president of the Samastha Kerala Jamiyyathul Ulama (EK faction) in 2016. Mr. Jiffri Thangal's assertive leadership and orthodox stand apparently endeared him to the rival AP faction.

Soon after the Mujahid State conference held between December 29 and January 1, Mr. Jiffri Thangal's EK faction conducted an 'ideology conference' in Kozhikode, and lashed out at the Salafi ideals. This was unprecedented. In an unusual display of 'Sunnism', all the speakers who addressed the EK Samastha meet castigated the Mujahid groups. Further, no EK Samastha speaker said a critical word about Mr. Aboobacker Musliar or his followers. "I have never seen an EK Sunni group meet without criticism of Sheikhuna (Mr. Aboobacker Musliar)," said Karulai Jamal, Malappuram district youth-wing leader of the AP Sunni faction.

Last Friday, the Kerala Muslim Jamaath, an apex body of the AP Sunni group, formed in 2015, held a similar 'ideology conference' at Malappuram. Training its guns at the Mujahid groups, the Muslim Jamaath blamed the indoctrination of Salafi ideology as the main reason for some young Muslims turning to extremism and terrorism. This was an indirect pat on the back for the EK faction for taking on the Mujahids. Provoked by the Muslim Jamaath's accusations, the Wisdom group of the Mujahid movement is holding an 'ideology conference' at Malappuram on Thursday.

Some leaders of both the AP and EK Sunni factions have also begun praising each other. "Our differences are purely organisational. Ideologically, we uphold the same faith. And when we take on our opponents, the Mujahids, we are one," said a State leader of the EK Sunni faction.

Recently, IUML leaders P.K. Kunhalikutty and Syed Sadik Ali Shihab Thangal visited Mr. Aboobacker Musliar, who is recuperating from a stroke that he suffered a couple of months ago. This thaw in relations, after a minor stand-off between the Samastha leadership and the IUML, has also gladdened the AP Sunni camp. The visit conveyed the message that there are no permanent friends and foes in politics.

The AP group is happy that their EK rivals have started attacking Mujahid ideology. It needs to be seen if the Mujahids can unite the rival Sunni groups in Kerala. Although a thorough reunion is out of the question because of the organisational roots and assets that the two groups enjoy currently, reuniting on an ideological platform can have far-reaching implications in Kerala's Muslim politics.

In TN, share of women who eat green veggies declines drastically

Given the drop in consumption of dark green, leafy vegetables, the share of anaemic women may increase in Tamil Nadu

DATA POINT

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In 2019-21, only 10.6% of women in Tamil Nadu consumed dark green, leafy vegetables daily – the lowest share among all the States. In fact, the lowest shares of women consuming such vegetables are seen in the southern States, except Karnataka.

However, Tamil Nadu stands out for three other reasons. First, just five years ago, the share of women who ate dark green, leafy vegetables was 59.6% in the State. This means there has been a drastic drop of 49% points since then. The second biggest drop is seen in Assam – a decline of 19.8% points. Second, while only 10.6% of women consumed such vegetables daily, 42.5% of men in Tamil Nadu consumed them daily in 2019-21 – a difference of 31.9% points, the highest among all the States considered. Among the major States, Kerala follows with a difference of around 13% points, with men consuming more. Third, while the share of men who consumed green vegetables in Tamil Nadu also came down in 2019-21 compared to 2015-16, the decline (of 23.4% points) pales in comparison to the decline in the share of women (49% points). Yet, the decline among men was the sharpest, along with Assam, when compared to other States. Therefore, Tamil Nadu stands out as the lowest share of women consumed dark green, leafy vegetables; the share of such women recorded the most drastic drop in the last five years; the gender inequality in consumption was the highest among all the States; and the decline among men was the sharpest in the State along with Assam.

These conclusions are based on the National Family Health Surveys 4 and 5. The NFHS says green, leafy vegetables are a rich source of iron, folic acid, vitamin C, carotene, riboflavin, and calcium. Previous surveys said, "States with the highest levels of anaemia among women are the same States that have the lowest regular consumption of green, leafy vegetables among women." Given the drastic drop in vegetable consumption among women in Tamil Nadu in 2019-21, the share of anaemic women in the State may increase.

The comparison between genders should be read with caution as the male sample size is much lower than the number of female respondents in the NFHS. However, as this difference in sample size exists across all the States, the above conclusions hold true.

Chart 1 shows the share of women who consumed dark green, leafy vegetables daily across various States and regions in 2019-21. Except Karnataka, the southern States are at the bottom of the list, followed by the western States. While the northern and north-eastern States are middling, the eastern and central States stand out with a high share of women consuming such vegetables daily.

Chart 2 shows the change in the share of women who consumed such vegetables daily in 2019-21 compared to 2015-16. States to the right of the zero mark recorded an increase and vice-versa. With a decline of 49% points, Tamil Nadu stands out, followed by Assam. Except Karnataka, which already had a high share, the share increased in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala among the southern States.

Chart 3 shows the share of men who consumed dark green, leafy vegetables daily across various States and regions in 2019-21. There is no drastic difference between the southern States and others among men, though the south and west lag behind the others, and the east dominates.

Chart 4 shows the change in the share of men who consumed such vegetables daily in 2019-21 compared to 2015-16. Tamil Nadu and Assam recorded the biggest decline.

Not going green

The charts are based on data collated from National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) and NFHS-4 (2015-16). Each circle in the graphs represents a State. Delhi and other U.T.s except Jammu and Kashmir were not considered for analysis

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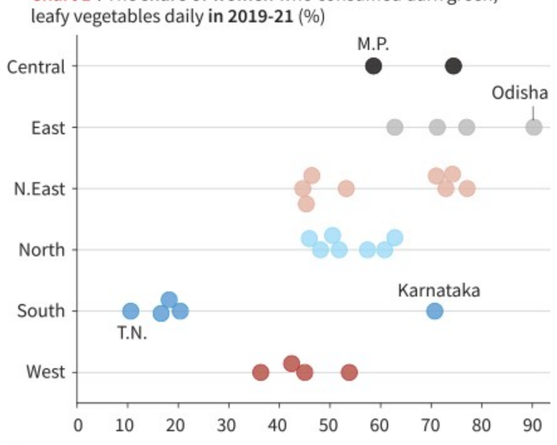

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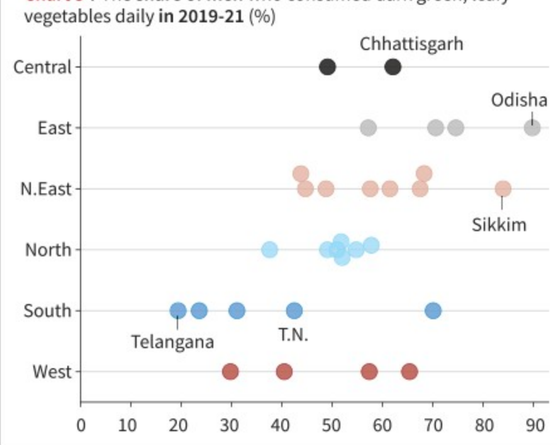

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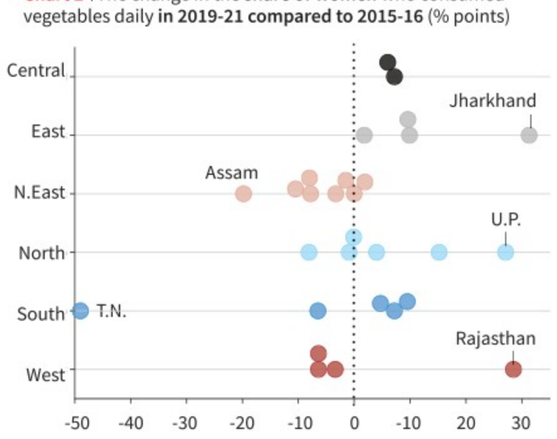

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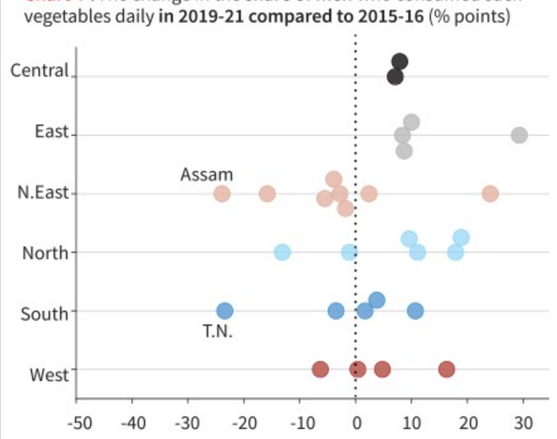

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 25, 1973

Vietnam war to end on Sunday

Washington, Jan. 24: The guns will fall silent and a ceasefire will go into effect throughout Vietnam on Sunday morning (8 a.m. Saigon time). Disclosing this in a short television address to his war-weary nation last night, President Nixon confirmed that his principal negotiator, Dr. Kissinger, and North Vietnam's Mr. Le Duc Tho had initialled an agreement to that effect in Paris earlier in the day. After declaring that the agreement would bring the peace with honour he had always insisted on, Mr. Nixon said that the remaining 24,000 American troops in South Vietnam would be withdrawn during the 60 days following the ceasefire. During the same period, the North Vietnamese have agreed to return the 597 American prisoners of war captured in various parts of Indo-China, and account for the 1,335 Americans listed as missing in action. Mr. Nixon left it to Dr. Kissinger to announce the details of the agreement and said that the pact would be formally signed at a ceremony in Paris on Saturday. Speaking with restraint and hardly any trace of self-congratulation, Mr. Nixon also disclosed that the ceasefire, which would be supervised by an international force drawn from Canada, Hungary, Indonesia and Poland, had the support of President Thieu of South Vietnam.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 25, 1923

London Indians in Conference

The "Daily Herald" contains the following: Bomb dropping by British aeroplanes on native villages was denounced in strong terms at a conference of Indians and sympathisers resident in London, held at the Caxton Hall on Saturday. "Every man who takes service in an air force," said Mr. B.G. Horniman, presiding, "ought to be made to feel that if he participates in such murderous outrages he puts himself outside the pale of decent society." Mr. George Lansbury observed that it was a terrible thing that scarcely a word had appeared in print denouncing the bombing expeditions. "The leaders of religion are dumb dogs just now, when your people are being massacred from the air," he went on, "but they were loud in their protestations when people like me were being bombed in London during the war."

From Page One

Student outfits defy 'ban' of BBC film screenings

Ms. Ghosh said the union decided to go ahead with the screening as its task was to "strengthen democracy" and it would continue to do so. Referring to a Prime Minister's Office tweet dated April 18, 2018, – that said "I want this Government to be criticised. Criticism makes democracy strong: PM @narendramodi", – Ms. Ghosh said "I think the JNU administration missed the tweet by our PM some years back. Just reminding. We take his words quite seriously."

"If the ABVP [Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad] or the administration had a problem with our protest screening of the documentary that the Centre is trying to hide, they could have carried out a parallel programme. That is the culture of dissent that we have on campus," she said, adding that the students came together to uphold democracy and the right to dissent.

'Colonial mindset'

Reacting to the Left-backed JNUSU's plan for screening the documentary, the ABVP said supporting a "British-constructed narrative" was coherent with the "colonial mindset of British sepoys". "Many in Opposition as well as so-called student organisations are indeed British stooges, spreading propaganda-driven BBC documentary in Indian educational institutions," it said.

The Students' Federation of India (SFI), in a statement, said its Central Executive Committee had decided to screen the documentary in all States to reveal the "real face" of the Modi government. "Though the authorities gave permission to the ABVP to screen '*Kashmir Files*' which is a propaganda movie of RSS-BJP politics, Central universities/institutions are giving orders to cancel the screening of this documentary. The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has also issued directions to block the first episode of the BBC documentary. The SFI condemns this autocratic step of the Central government," it said.

Tension in Kerala

In Kerala, political temperatures escalated over the public screenings of the documentary by the student and youth organisations owing allegiance to the CPI(M) and the Congress in defiance of the "Central ban". It led to tense stand-offs between the BJP and rival party workers. The police used water cannons to disperse BJP workers who attempted to disrupt a public screening at Poojappura grounds in Thiruvananthapuram, while in Kochi, they prevented the BJP workers from storming the screening venues.

The BJP workers held a march to the Police Commissioner's office in Kozhikode, demanding a ban on the screenings. In Kannur university too, students screened the documentary. The brewing political tension prompted the police to deploy in strength to prevent any violence.

The screenings drew condemnation from the BJP leadership. Union Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan urged Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to ban them saying they were aimed at "turning Kerala into a strife-torn State". In an open letter to Mr. Vijayan, BJP State president K. Surendran said the documentary regurgitated baseless allegations dismissed as false by the Supreme Court.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and the party's State secretary M.V. Govindan have lent support to the public viewings of the documentary.

In another development, the ABVP has lodged a complaint with the University of Hyderabad Vice-Chancellor seeking action against those who screened the documentary on January 21. The university registrar has sought a report on the issue.

The campus security had earlier tried to stop it, but a section of teachers and students in support of the screening said the documentary had not been banned as the Centre had only asked social media platforms to take down its web links.

Purse seine fishing partially allowed

Tamil Nadu had vehemently objected to purse seine fishing, even beyond the 12 nautical mile border.

"The purse seine net would drag out anything and everything from the bowels of the sea. I cannot go by the Centre's suggestion to police, monitor or manage purse seine fishing. The livelihood of small fishermen operating within the territorial waters would be put at risk," the State, represented by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi and advocate D. Kumanan, had argued.

The State had referred to a 1993 decision of the Supreme Court in *State of Kerala versus Joseph Antony*, which had upheld the ban on purse seine fishing beyond the territorial waters as it affected the livelihood of traditional fishermen.

One of the primary ecological arguments against purse seine nets is that they tend to draw in not only the targetted fish but also at-risk varieties, including turtles.

The expert panel had refused to accept that purse seine fishing caused "serious resource depletion". It had recommended purse-seiners to fish territorial waters and the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) subject to certain conditions.

The Union government had sought six months to prepare a uniform national plan for purse seine fishing. The court was hearing a petition filed by Fishermen Care to stay a Tamil Nadu government order of February 17, 2020, which had banned the large nets used to catch schools of fish in the deep waters of the sea.

'India lost access to 26 of 65 Patrol Points'

Indian Army's play-safe approach is creating 'informal' buffer zones and restricting the movement of graziers along the China border, says paper submitted at annual police meet; the recent disengagement agreements resulted in the loss of pasture lands at Gogra hills, and Kakjung areas

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India has lost access to 26 out of 65 Patrolling Points (PP) in eastern Ladakh, according to one of the research papers submitted at last week's annual police meet in Delhi, accessed by *The Hindu*.

The "play-safe" approach of the Indian Army that restricts the movement of the district administration and local people in forward areas has turned areas that were once accessible into informal "buffer" zones, the paper said. It added that to avoid consternation with the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) that has placed high-resolution cameras at vantage points, the Army restricts the movement of graziers by installing check-posts and deploying personnel in disguise. The recent disengagement agreements at PP 15 and 16 resulted in the loss of pasture lands in the Gogra hills, North Bank of Pangong Tso, and Kakjung areas.

The paper did not come up for discussion at the annual Director General of Police (DGP) Conference organised by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) that was held from January 20 to 22 and attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. It was among 15 research papers submitted by police officers across the country on the subject "Security issues pertaining to unfenced land border".

The Hindu reported on December 22, 2022 that there are at least 30 PPs in eastern Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) that are not being patrolled any more by Indian troops.

These points were regularly patrolled before April-May 2020 when China started amassing troops close to the LAC in eastern Ladakh. Twenty Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with the PLA on June 15, 2020; at least four Chinese soldiers were also killed.

Close watch: The patrolling points have been safeguarded earlier by the ITBP and over the last few years by the Army. FILE PHOTO

Salami Slicing

The paper stated: "Presently, there are 65 PPs starting from the Karakoram pass to Chumur which are to be patrolled regularly by the ISFs (Indian Security Forces). Out of 65 PPs, our presence is lost in 26 PPs (i.e. PP no. 5-17, 24-32, 37, 51,52,62) due to restrictive or no patrolling by the ISFs. Later on, China forces us to accept the fact that, as such areas have not seen the presence of ISFs or civilians for long, the Chinese were present in these areas. This leads to a shift in the border under the control of ISFs towards the Indian side and a buffer zone is created in all such pockets which ultimately leads to the loss of control over these areas by India. This tactic of PLA to grab land inch-by-inch is known as Salami Slicing."

A defence source told *The Hindu* that the LAC in eastern Ladakh is dominated by physical patrolling or technical means and "there is no loss of territory due to disengagement in friction areas".

Avoiding provocation

"Some areas have been restricted for patrolling for both sides pending diplomatic resolution of disputes. No pasture lands have been lost. In disengaged areas, we have as many cameras and technical means as the PLA and hence dominate the area as much, if not more," the source said. The source added that graziers are encouraged and all facilities are being provided in conjunction with the civil administration.

The paper added that the Army has placed significant restrictions on the movement of civilians and graziers near the forward areas on the Indian side, indicating with their play-safe strategy that they do not want to annoy the PLA by giving them the chance to raise objections on the areas being claimed as disputed.

The defence source added that PPs are benchmark locations mutually agreed upon by both India and China.

"Among the 65 PPs, some remain in contention and all efforts to resolve them are taken by stakeholders concerned [and] is under way....Recently, the PP 15 issue was mutually resolved. It must be understood that while PPs are sacrosanct, the perception of the LAC isn't. They are in vogue since 1996, based on the China Study Group guidelines. They have been patrolled earlier by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and over the last few years by the Army. The delineation of the LAC is as such the role of Ministry of External Affairs and the Army has no role to play in this regard," the source said.

PM discusses mental health stigma with children

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday discussed a range of issues, including mental health, with the children who won the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2023.

In a freewheeling interaction with the 11 winners, Mr. Modi talked about the stigma surrounding mental health and the important role of family in tackling it.

He suggested that the awardees make a beginning by solving small problems, gradually build capacity and develop confidence to solve bigger problems later on in life.

He also discussed the benefits of playing chess, taking up art and culture as a career, research and innovation and spirituality.

India bags Oscar nominations for original song and 2 documentaries

Press Trust of India
LOS ANGELES

Naatu Naatu, the hit dance track from S.S. Rajamouli's blockbuster *RRR*, continued its winning march on Tuesday with a coveted nomination for the original song at the Oscars 2023 where Indian documentaries *All That Breathes* and *Elephant Whisperers* also got nods in the documentary feature and documentary short categories.

Surreal sci-fi film *Everything Everywhere All At Once* topped the Oscar nominations with 11, as Hollywood formally kicked off the race to the all-important Academy Awards. It was followed by German anti-war movie *All Quiet on the Western Front* and Irish black comedy *The Banshees of Inisherin*, which each received nine nominations from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Mighty tale: A still from the Oscar-nominated documentary *The Elephant Whisperers*. NETFLIX

The award ceremony will be held on March 12.

The Last Film Show, India's official entry in the International Feature category, however, failed to make the cut for the final five, but there was much to celebrate as it is perhaps for the first time that three films from the country are competing in different segments. *Naatu Naatu*, composed by M.M. Keeravani and choreographed by Prem Rakshith, will compete with *Applause* (*Tell It Like a Woman*); *Hold My Hand* (*Top Gun: Maverick*); *Lift Me Up* (*Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*) and *This Is a Life* (*Everything Everywhere All at Once*).

All That Breathes, which is competing for an Oscar alongside *All the Beauty and the Bloodshed*, *Fire of Love*, *A House Made of Splinters* and *Navalny*, has also emerged as one of the best documentaries this year. Set in Delhi, the documentary follows siblings Mohammad Saud and Nadeem Shehzad who have devoted their lives to rescuing and treating injured birds.

Tamil documentary *The Elephant Whisperers*, directed by Kartiki Gonsalves, tells the story about the unbreakable bond between two abandoned elephants and their caretakers. It has been nominated in the Documentary Short Subject category at the Oscars where it will compete with *Haulout*, *How Do You Measure a Year?*, *The Martha Mitchell Effect* and *Stranger at the Gate*.

(With inputs from AP)

Delhi Police file 6,629-page chargesheet against Aftab

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Tuesday filed a 6,629-page chargesheet against Aftab Amin Poonawala before the Saket court in the national capital. It said that he killed his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar in south Delhi's Mehrauli in May last year as he was unhappy over her meeting a friend.

The court is expected to take cognisance of the chargesheet on February 7 and has also extended Aftab's judicial custody till then. The investigation officer of the case filed the chargesheet before Metropolitan Magistrate during a hearing in which Aftab was produced via video conferencing. The chargesheet was filed under Sections 302 and 201 of the IPC.

We brought people together yet again through yatra: Rahul

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Describing the Bharat Jodo Yatra as a success against the narrative of hatred, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said here on Tuesday that violence brought no solution, but love and affection could do a lot.

He distanced himself from Congress leader Digvijaya Singh's statement, saying, "There was no need to seek proof from the armed forces who are doing exceptional work."

"We have been able to bring the people across the country together yet again through the yatra. There is no scope for hatred in the country as the Congress believes in spreading the message of love. Through the yatra we have largely been able to fight the disastrous narrative of hatred spread by the BJP in the country," Mr. Gandhi, who is touring Jammu, said.

Stating that the Congress's position on Article 370 was clear and already made public in its manifesto, Mr. Gandhi said the primary focus of the party remained on restoring Statehood and Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rahul Gandhi

Replying to a question on the yatra turning into a political event, Mr. Gandhi added that there would surely be a bit of politics in his speeches. "When Kashmiri Pandits, farmers and unemployed youth would meet me during the yatra and hope that I will definitely raise their issues, there would obviously be a problem for me if I don't talk about them," he said.

Mr. Gandhi said he did not hold an iota of hatred for anybody, including PM Narendra Modi.

In President Sisi visit, India and Egypt look to rekindle non-aligned era ties

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Egyptian President Abdel Fateh el-Sisi arrived here on Tuesday on a four-day state visit. Mr. Sisi is the first Egyptian leader to be invited as the chief guest for the Republic Day Parade.

During the visit, officials said, both sides will sign several MoUs and discuss taking ties forward on strategic issues, defence, trade, agriculture and renewable energy.

The invitation to Mr. Sisi is also being seen as part of the government's push to engage the "Global South", and as a rekindling of the principles of non-alignment that have come back to the fore after the Russian war in Ukraine began in February last year. Mr. Sisi, who visited India twice before, is expected to return later this year for the G-20 summit, where India has invited Egypt as a special guest country.

"Even without coordination, Egypt and India have similar positions at the United Nations today. We have civilisational ties, and the way our thinking has developed – principles of non-intervention, respectful of sovereignty, no use of force – these are all pertinent even today, as we have seen recently in the Ukraine conflict," a senior Egyptian diplomat who served in India as Ambassador previously told *The Hindu*.

Friendly visit: President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on his arrival at the Palam Air Force station in Delhi on Tuesday. V.V. KRISHNAN

Former Indian Ambassador to Egypt Navdeep Suri said the invitation to Mr. Sisi as the Republic Day chief guest was an "important gesture" by the Modi government at a time the world was "re-discovering multipolarity". He pointed out that in the wake of Western sanctions against Russia and a ban on wheat exports in India, the Modi government had made an exception for Egypt.

"As the world's largest importer of wheat much of it from Ukraine and Russia, Egypt was in a uniquely vulnerable position, and India's assistance bridged what could have become a major gap in supply for them," he said. "The fact is in a world where the need for strategic autonomy is replacing many traditional alliances in the developing world, India and Egypt are finding more and more in common," he added.

India and Egypt were co-founders of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) in 1961 along with Yugoslavia, Indonesia and Ghana. Ties between India and Egypt grew under Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and President Gamal Abdel Nasser. However, despite keeping up the high-level visits and keeping their commitment to NAM strong, bilateral ties between the two countries declined over time, especially as India's links with the Gulf countries grew stronger.

"I can tell you that the main principles, the founding principles of the non-aligned movement did not disappear. There might have been some global changes that pushed the NAM itself into the background, but it doesn't change our positions," the senior Egyptian diplomat engaged in preparations for Mr. Sisi visit to India, who did not want to be identified, said, pointing out that the "South-South cooperation" and the G-77 that India and Egypt are actively involved in, were products of the NAM movement.

MLAs reject poll boycott call by ENPO in Nagaland

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A union of 20 legislators from six districts seeking to exit from Nagaland has rejected an election boycott call by the Eastern Nagaland People's Union (ENPO).

Citing step-motherly treatment, the ENPO had set the granting of 'Frontier Nagaland' as a precondition for the people in six districts – Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator and Tuensang – to participate in the February 27 election to the Nagaland Assembly.

In a statement, the Eastern Nagaland Legislators' Union (ENLU) comprising Ministers, MLAs and advisers to various departments said its members resolved not to boycott the election.

Although the ENPO refrained from reacting to the announcement of polls in Nagaland, the Konyak Union said it would not budge from the decision to boycott the election.

Trinamool offers freebies in poll manifesto for Meghalaya

Party promises laptops for students, monthly allowance for unemployed youth and job creation; it also pledges to revoke the boundary deal signed last year between the State and Assam

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

From farm to university, the election manifesto of the Trinamool Congress for Meghalaya has come up with a range of promises, ahead of the Assembly election scheduled for February 27.

The manifesto, released by the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in Shillong on Tuesday, contains 10 pledges.

These include the generation of three lakh jobs over five years, a monthly allowance of ₹1,000 to every unemployed youth, one lakh laptops to higher secondary and college-going students, an annual financial assistance of ₹10,000 to farmers, direct benefit transfers of ₹1,200 annually to families of all government school children and a sports university.

Poll pitch: Party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee releasing the manifesto in Shillong on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Trinamool promised to introduce a private member Bill in Parliament for the immediate recognition of Khasi and Garo languages through their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. It also promised to revoke the boundary deal signed on March 29, 2022, between Meghalaya and Assam to settle disputes in six of the 12 sectors along their boundary.

Underlining the contribution of tourism to the State's economy, the Trinamool said all individuals engaged in this sector would be identified and their services formalised through government-registered job cards so they get a monthly honorarium of ₹2,500 each.

The party promised to set up medical colleges, and maternal and child care centres in every block to provide efficient prenatal and postnatal services, bridge the shortage of specialists, staff and equipment at all primary health centres and community health centres and facilitate piped drinking water to all households.

Meghalaya has 6,459 villages and the Trinamool committed to connecting all of them with blacktopped motor-able roads and upgrading the major arterial roads to all-weather roads.

The Trinamool also promised effective and immediate implementation of the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA) of 2016 to ensure a comprehensive registry of all legal tenants. If voted to power, the party will set up an expert committee to assess the current situation regarding the introduction of the Inner-Line Permit (ILP), and decide the way forward. Pressure groups in Meghalaya believe the MRSSA and the ILP based on a British-era regulation will help prevent the influx of "illegal migrants".

Court acquits 22 accused in post-Godhra riots case

Press Trust of India
GODHRA

A court in Halol town in Panchmahal district of Gujarat on Tuesday acquitted 22 persons accused of killing 17 members of a minority community, including two children, for want of evidence in a case stemming from the 2002 post-Godhra communal riots in the State.

The court of additional sessions judge Harsh Trivedi acquitted all the 22 accused, eight of whom died during the pendency of the case.

According to the prosecution, the victims were killed on February 28, 2002 in Delol village, and their bodies burnt with an intention to destroy evidence. Riots had broken out in different parts of the State a day after a coach of the Sabarmati Express was torched by a mob near Godhra town on February 27, killing 59 passengers, most of them *karsevaks* returning from Ayodhya.

Rijiju's ire contrasts with Centre's push for transparency

NEWS ANALYSIS

The 2015 NJAC order records how the Centre lampooned the Collegium system for its secrecy

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's criticism of the Supreme Court Collegium for publishing excerpts of "secret" Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) inputs on candidates under consideration sharply contrasts with the Centre's push for transparency in the judicial appointments process during the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) case eight years ago.

The NJAC judgment records how the government lampooned the Collegium system for its secrecy while arguing that the NJAC would "bring about critically desirable transparency, commitment and participation of the ultimate stakeholders – the people". In fact, the October 2015 judgment saw the Constitution Bench acknowledge that "transparency is a vital factor in constitutional governance", but also cautioned the government that "transparency is not a one-way street".

During arguments in the NJAC case, the government had faulted the Collegium for being "extremely secretive" to the extent that "no one outside the Collegium or the Department of Justice is aware of the recommendations made by the Chief Justice of India for the appointment of a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Courts".

"Civil society has the right to know who is being considered for appointment," the Attorney-General had submitted.

Mr. Rijiju has also said that the government, not judges, are accountable to the people. The remark was made amid the ongoing acrimony initiated by the government over judicial appointments.

The counter Mr. Rijiju view can be found in the verdict of a nine-judge Supreme Court Bench in the 'Second Judges Case'. In October 1993, the court had called the government's pitch for primacy in judicial appointments on the ground that it, and not the judges, was accountable to the public an "easily explodable myth", a "bubble which punishes on a mere touch".

Justice J.S. Verma, had observed that "accountability of the executive to the people in the matter of appointments of superior judges has been assumed, and does not have any real basis". On the other hand, the CJI and the Chief Justices of the High Courts concerned have to face the consequence of an unsuitable appointment, the verdict had pointed out.

Watch our analysis | Centre vs SC on appointment of judges
bit.ly/3ZX9qiV

Expunge draft amendment to IT Rules, say EGI, INS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Editors Guild of India (EGI), in a letter to Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday, has reiterated its request to expunge the draft amendment to IT Rules, 2021, which empowers the Press Information Bureau's fact-check unit, or any other agency authorised by the Centre, to get online platforms to take down the content adjudged by it as fake or false.

"Already multiple laws exist to deal with content that is found to be factually incorrect. This new procedure basically serves to make it easier to muzzle the free press," said the letter.

The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) also requested the Ministry to drop the draft amendment and hold consultations with stakeholders. The Society said the amendment would seriously impact the functioning of the Press in India. "By legislating to become a judge in its own cause, the government, through a proposed amendment to a set of rules which have otherwise also caused concern, is taking a step to effectively muzzle criticism and even fair comment," it said.

Following the objections, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that the government would hold discussions with stakeholders next month before the proposal is implemented.
(With PTI inputs)

A.P., Bombay High Courts get three additional judges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An advocate and two judicial officers were appointed additional judges of the Bombay and Andhra Pradesh High Courts on Tuesday.

While advocate Neela Kedar Gokhale was appointed additional judge of the Bombay High Court, judicial officers – P. Venkata Jyothirmai and V. Gopalakrishna Rao – were appointed additional judges of the A.P. High Court.

Sharing the official notification on Twitter, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said, "Extending my best wishes to them."

All the three names are part of the recommendations made by the Supreme Court Collegium on January 10.

Ms. Gokhale has been a part of the legal team representing Lieutenant-Colonel Prasad Purohit, an accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts, in the Supreme Court since 2017.

After doing her LL.B. from ILS (Indian Law Society), Pune, and LL.M. from Pune University, she practised as a trial court lawyer in Pune for six years. From 2007, she started appearing in the Supreme Court and has been a counsel for the Union of India since three years.

BJP terms Rahul Gandhi's stand on armed forces 'vacillating'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday asked why it took so long for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to express his respect for and trust in India's armed forces.

Mr. Gandhi distanced the party on Tuesday from statements made by senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh. Mr. Singh had said that there was no proof that surgical strikes in retaliation for the Uri and Pulwama attacks had taken place.

Former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Congress had a habit of terming the "uncomfortable views" expressed by its leaders as "their personal views".

He attacked Mr. Gandhi for what he termed the latter's "vacillating" stand on the armed forces, citing some of his previous remarks, including a recent comment in Dausa questioning the government's handling of the border stand-off with China.

TELANGANA STATE BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION
'VIDYA BHAVAN', NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD.
Rc.No.Onscreen Digital Evaluation/B/2022-23 Date:24-01-2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Secretary, Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education, Hyderabad desires to select an Agency for Onscreen digital evaluation for Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary and Re-evaluation scripts of Intermediate Examinations"- 2022-23, 2023-2024, 2024-25 **(3 years).** The Bidders willing to participate in this tender may visit e-procurement portal.**https://tender.telangana.gov.in**
Date of commencement of Tender : 25-01-2023 (from 10:00 A.M.)
Date of Pre-Bid Conference : 01-02-2023 (at 11.30 A.M.)
Last date for submission of Bid on e-portal : 09-02-2023 (before 3.00 P.M.)
(Issued under the Orders of the Secretary, TSBIE) Sd/-
R.O. No. : 1203-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Date: 24-01-2023 For Secretary

KSITIL Kerala State IT Infrastructure Ltd
DIGITAL UNIVERSITY KERALA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following work under Digital University of Kerala.
Name of the work: Construction of Clean Rooms for India Innovation Centre for Graphene at Technology Innovation Zone, Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala.
Last date for submission of e-tender: 3:00 pm on 13/02/2023
Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Date: 25/01/2023 **Managing Director**
Trivandrum **Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited**

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Bhilwara
No./Acctt./2023/212 Dt. 13/1/23
NOTICE INVITING BID NO.09/2022-23
NIB No.WRD2223A0626
Bids for the following works are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 PM Date. 06-02-2023.

S. No.	Name Of Work	Appox. Cost of Work (Rs. in lacs)
1	2	3
1	Restoration of Saran Anicut Village Saran GP Lalas Tehsil Gangrar District Chittorgarh	317.51

Other particulars of the bid may visited on the procurement portal sppp.raj.nic.in, eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and Water Resources Departmental website.
UBN No. WRD2223WSOB02516
Superintending Engineer
DIPR/C/1160 Water Resources Circle Bhilwara

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Thiruvananthapuram invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tenders for the following works.
NIT No.37/EE-TVM/22-23. Name of work : Construction of Post Office Building at Varkala, Trivandrum, Kerala. Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,70,49,660/-(Civil: Rs. 2,58,55,948/-+ Elect: Rs.11,93,712/-) Earnest Money: Rs. 5,40,993/- Period of completion: 18 months.
Last date and time of submission of bid: 02.02.2023 upto 11.00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES ZONE, UDAIPUR
Near Akashvani, Chetak Circle, Udaipur (Rajasthan) 313001
Phone no. 0294-2414794 Email: - aceudaipur2019@gmail.com
No:- ACE/Actt./Dungarpur/F. /2022-23/654 Dated:-10/01/2023
E-NIT No. 27/2022-23
Bids for the following work are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 PM, dated 10-02-2023

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in lacs)
1	Planning, Design and Construction of Solar based Micro Irrigation Scheme at (i) Naya Gaon Farash Anicut Village Bhatwara Tehsil & District Dungarpur) (ii) Mandwiya, Modar-1, Modar-2 & Modar-3 Cluster Tehsil Bicchiwara District Dungarpur. (iii) Hangriwala, Hajudungra, and Piplada Cluster Tehsil & District Dungarpur (iv) Baladit Gameti Fala Cluster Tehsil & District Dungarpur and its O&M for a period of 8 years on Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Single Responsibility Turnkey basis.	4616.68

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement Portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/ wrd
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UBN:- WRD2223WLOB02510
DIPR/C/1158 **Additional Chief Engineer**
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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	6,551.91	5,712.16	20,809.50	8,075.06	6,606.22	24,388.18
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	475.47	391.45	1,243.37	464.55	359.73	1,106.91
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	475.47	391.45	1,213.21	463.84	359.28	1,066.79
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	352.75	288.31	893.56	303.64	236.56	730.88
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	368.56	288.80	829.25	378.48	251.67	733.77
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	4,774.53	-	-	4,351.94
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	5,881.96	4,732.48	4,804.61	5,350.71	4,151.91	4,324.92
10	Outstanding Debt	1,912.53	1,346.45	1,600.57	21,159.67	14,149.59	15,297.28
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.4	2.3	3.1
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	7.42 7.42	6.07 6.07	18.81 18.81	6.33 6.33	5.21 5.21	15.93 15.93
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	5.8	15.0	5.2	3.5	4.7	2.8
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	16.0	15.0	10.9	8.0	9.0	7.2
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.9
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.8	3.0	3.5
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	24.7	21.4	22.8	25.0	21.1	22.2
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	17.5	13.7	13.9	12.1	11.4	10.8
25	Operating Margin (%)	10.1	10.0	9.4	9.1	8.7	8.1
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	5.4	5.1	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.0

Notes:
1. The Board at its meeting held today, declared an interim dividend of Rs.5/- per share (500%) absorbing a sum of Rs.238 Cr. for the year 2022-23 and the same will be paid to those shareholders who hold shares in physical or in electronic form and whose names appear in the Register of Members and / or Depositories respectively, as at the close of working hours on 2nd February 2023 (Record Date).
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

For TVS Motor Company Limited

Date : 24th January 2023

Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

INBRIEF

Why revive oil palm crop on Andamans, asks SC panel

Oil palm plantations raised on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the past have proven to be a total commercial failure, the Supreme Court-constituted Central Empowered Committee has said, questioning the need to revive the crop in the islands. The panel said any permission for diversion of forest land for red oil palm plantation "is bound to open flood gates in all the States for similar agricultural purposes on forest lands". PTI

U.P. police book SP leader for remarks on *Ramcharitmanas*

Swami Prasad Maurya, Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and former Minister, was booked by the U.P. Police on Tuesday for his controversial remarks on the *Ramcharitmanas*. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against Mr. Maurya at the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow under various sections of the IPC including Section 153 A.

Air India says action against pilot 'excessive'

Six employee unions too seek a review of the punishment; their joint letter points a finger at the airline and its senior officers for failing to study the reports that the commander filed upon landing, and reporting the matter to the DGCA; the unions say internal inquiry full of inadequacies

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

In a rare move for any airline, Air India, in a public statement, described as "excessive" the decision of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to suspend for three months the pilot-in-command (PIC) of the New York-Delhi flight on which a man urinated on a woman on November 26, 2022. The airline announced that it would help the pilot appeal against the order.

Six unions of airline employees, including two pilot unions and a union of the cabin crew of Air India, appealed to the DGCA to "review" its "harsh punishment" against Captain Narayan Ramprasad. At the same time, the unions raised serious questions over the lack of response from the Air India management and its senior officers after the pilot-in-command filed all reports "instantly upon landing". They alleged that the internal inquiry was full of "inadequacies and inaccuracies" and failed to provide the pilots and cabin crew an opportunity to place their views, resulting in a "miscarriage of justice".

"In light of the mitigating circumstances and the financial detriment already incurred by the crew during their period of de-rostering, Air India deems the licence suspension of the Commander excessive and will be assisting him with an appeal," the airline said in a statement, while announcing that it has closed its investigation.

On January 20, the DGCA announced that it was levying a fine of ₹30 lakh on Air India, and suspending the pilot-in-command for three months. A fine of ₹3 lakh was imposed on the airline's director of in-flight services for failing to report the incident to it in accordance with the rules for the handling of unruly passengers.

The airline explained that it believed its pilot and cabin crew had acted in "good faith" and could not have identified the accused passenger as unruly since he was "calm, cooperative and did not appear intoxicated to the crew", nor had the crew served him excessive alcohol.

Therefore, "in the judgment of the crew, the alleged perpetrator posed no risk to flight safety at any time". It adds that since there had been a mutual settlement between the accused and the woman passenger who levelled allegations against him, and there were no eyewitnesses to the incident, to ask the crew to make a presumption of the accused's guilt would be "contrary to natural justice".

Staff against airline

However, a disagreement between the airline's management and its employees over the onus on reporting the incident to the DGCA and handing over the accused to the police is evident.

Air India blamed its crew for failing to classify the incident as unruly under the DGCA's rules by not taking the woman passenger's allegations at "face value", as well as its ground staff for not challenging the crew's assessment and not reporting the matter as an unruly incident. It said that this is why it has issued warning letters.

A separate joint letter from five of Air India's employees' unions, including those representing pilots, cabin crew, and a sixth union of national and international pilots, to the DGCA, appealed that the latter "withdraw the harsh punishment and suspension" of the commander.

The unions questioned the basis of the DGCA's decision when there were official reports and e-mails of the crew filed "immediately" after landing, and responses to the DGCA's show cause notice. The joint letter points a finger at the Air India management and its senior officers for failing to study reports, which they say the PIC filed immediately upon landing, and reporting the matter to the DGCA.

The unions also warned that by making an example of the pilot, the regulator was setting a dangerous precedent which would lead to an "anxious atmosphere" for pilots, crew and the travelling public.

Response to DGCA

The airline and the employees' unions have appealed to the DGCA to review its 'harsh punishment'

What Air India says

- Crew acted in good faith, and didn't deem alleged perpetrator as risk to flight safety as he was "calm, co-operative and did not appear intoxicated to the crew"
- But incident should have been classified by the crew as unruly by taking the complaint at "face value". They have now been issued warning letters by the airline

What unions say

- Airline management and officers failed to report incident to the DGCA despite the pilot filing detailed reports "immediately" on landing
- Internal complaints committee report of the airline is full of "inaccuracies and inadequacies"

Architect B.V. Doshi passes away

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Renowned architect and urban planner B.V. Doshi, who worked with international legends such as Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn in prestigious projects, passed away at the age of 95 on Tuesday.

Mr. Doshi was the first architect from India to be awarded the Pritzker Prize. He was also awarded the Royal Institute of British Architects' Royal Gold Medal in 2022. Earlier, he was also honoured with Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri by the Government of India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his tributes called the noted architect as a "remarkable institution builder". The coming generations will get glimpses of his greatness by admiring his rich work across India, the PM added.

India, Pakistan came close to nuclear war: Pompeo in his book

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has claimed that he was "awakened" to speak to his then Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj who told him that Pakistan was preparing for a nuclear attack after the Balakot surgical strike in February 2019 and India is preparing its own escalatory response.

In his latest book *Never Give an Inch: Fighting for the America I Love* that hit the stores on Tuesday, Mr. Pompeo says the incident took place when he was in Hanoi for the U.S.-North Korea Summit on February 27-28 and his team worked overnight with India and Pakistan to avert this crisis. "I do not think the world properly knows just how close the India-Pakistan rivalry came to spilling over into a nuclear conflagration in 2019. The truth is, I don't know precisely the answer either; I just know it was too close," he writes.

India's warplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist camp at Balakot in Pakistan in February 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF jawans.

"In Hanoi, I was awakened to speak with my Indian counterpart. He [referring to Swaraj] believed the Pakistanis had begun to prepare their nuclear weapons for a strike. India, he informed me, was contemplating its own escalation. I asked him to do nothing and give us a minute to sort things out (sic)," Mr. Pompeo writes.

'Spoke to Army chief'

"I reached out to the actual leader of Pakistan, (Army chief) General (Qamar Javed) Bajwa. I told him what the Indians had told me. He said it wasn't true," Mr. Pompeo says.

"As one might expect, he believed the Indians were preparing their nuclear weapons for deployment. It took us a few hours – and remarkably good work by our teams in New Delhi and Islamabad – to convince each side that the other was not preparing for nuclear war," he writes. There was no immediate comment from the Ministry of External Affairs on Mr. Pompeo's claims.

What if risk of commercial release of GM Mustard is irreversible, SC asks govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre what will happen if the risk of commercial release of the GM Mustard crop is "irreversible".

"What happens when the risk is irreversible," Justice B.V. Nagarathna, accompanying Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, asked Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, appearing for the government. The top law officer said the risks were known and the approval given would not be blanket, but subject to specific conditions which covers every scenario or aspect of risk. Justice Maheshwari said the court may add to these conditions.

Mr. Venkataramani said the conditions for release could not be a "straitjacket" and the government was open to modifications by the court. The Attorney-General said the petitioners had found fault with the environmental clearance of GM Mustard crop but had not challenged the adequacy or efficiency of the regulatory framework.

Debate continues: Attorney-General R. Venkataramani says the petitioners did not challenge the adequacy or efficiency of the regulatory framework. REUTERS

At this, senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, for one of the petitioners, intervened to say that the rules had indeed been challenged. Mr. Parikh had earlier argued how the widespread use of herbicide-tolerant crops would encourage farmers to spray chemical weedkillers, leaving toxic chemical residue in large amounts on the crops.

'Not in India'

"The Supreme Court's own Technical Expert Committee (TEC) had said that these GM crops were not meant for agriculture in the Indian context," Mr. Parikh had argued.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, for activist Aruna Rodrigues, had submitted that India had 5,477 varieties of mustard, which would be at risk.

He had argued that the regulatory system under the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) which cleared the environmental release of Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), a genetically engineered variant of mustard, was "horrendous" and riddled with conflict of interest.

Explained | The new hybrid variant of mustard
bit.ly/mustardhybridvariant

In a first, EPFO to hold mass outreach programme on Friday

A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Complaints and queries regarding higher provident fund pension are likely to come up during a mass outreach programme set to be organised by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in more than 700 districts on Friday.

Senior officials of the EPFO will listen to the grievances of employers, employees and pensioners during the programme. The EPFO has sent letters to all the Chief Secretaries seeking help from the State administrations in conducting the programme.

Named the *Nidhi Aapke Nikat* 2.0, the programme aims to increase the EPFO's presence in all districts of the country. "This is the first such mass outreach programme of the EPFO," a senior official said, adding that the EPFO headquarters would ensure that complaints which are not resolved during the programme are addressed in a time-bound manner.

The official added that the programme would now be a permanent feature and would be held on the 27th of every month. "If 27 is a holiday, we will hold the programme on the next working day," the official added.

Among the preferred venues for the programme would be the District Collectorate, the District Industries Office and the State Labour Commissioner's Office, which are "decent, easily accessible, neat and clean". The EPFO has also instructed its offices to inform employers, trade unions and pensioners about the programme through advertisements.

Though the EPFO is yet to finalise the process to implement the Supreme Court order on higher PF pension, the issue is likely to be taken up during the programme. Several organisations of pensioners, employees and employers had asked the EPFO for further clarity on the process of implementing the order.

The programme will also function as a pension *adalat*. The EPFO had launched a monthly pension *adalat* in 2021 to address the complaints of pensioners. This *adalat* has now been merged with *Nidhi Aapke Nikat* 2.0.

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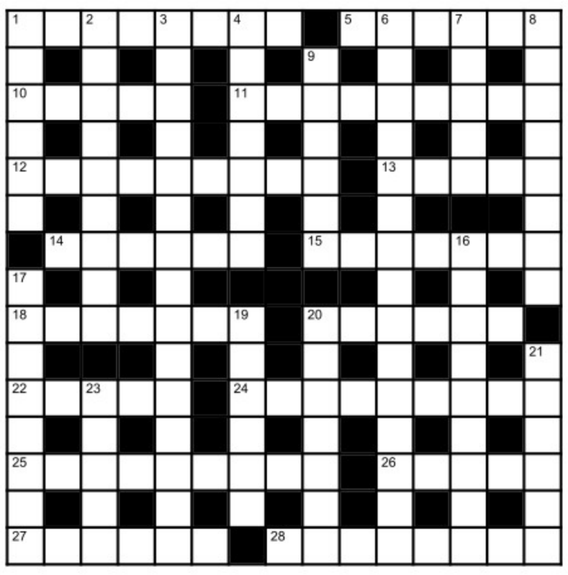

Across

1 Frightening offence by husband wanting money (8)
5 Wife enthralled by grass is simpering in retreat (6)
10 Old characters in secret romance (5)
11 Look trendy, extremely casual and wildly hot in one-piece garment (9)
12 Rushed back to serenade princess in Asian city (9)
13 Person who observes poor rodent dropping dead (5)
14 Trouble in European capital after Left topples Right (6)
15 Revolutionary experience in ravine leaves fellow elated (7)
18 Knife in alcove beside round bag (7)
20 Insensibility of rebellious degenerates drinking at university (6)
22 Fights hard from start to finish (5)
24 Protecting female seen tottering in bar (9)
25 Person starts to cry, horrified by insane rat race (9)
26 Angered by one revolutionary abducting king (5)
27 Finished reviewing absorbing chapter on principle of Enigma cipher (6)
28 Embraced and undid lace, frantically releasing clasp at centre (8)

Down

1 Runs limited by turn and good bounce (6)
2 Absolutely sozzled nut going around a jamboree (9)
3 Revealing plans when son and his girl fight over nothing (7,4,4)
4 Finally compose revolutionary work, inspired by idea for pastoral poem (7)
6 Minor artfully nails it with queen capturing rook (15)
7 Play piano in class (5)
8 Small ball-shaped object in treatment of heel spur (8)
9 Injured nilgai is suffering (6)
16 Fine lap dance finally in bar - made merry (9)
17 Check new sob story about Cleopatra at launch (8)
19 Lawyer shot outside, close to comatose until now (2,4)
20 Small, slight model wanting shade (7)
21 Bonded with liberal director enthralled by marijuana (6)
23 Head of family managed club in Swiss capital (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Establishment of Kanchi city

Because of his pride, Brahma was unable to see Lord Narayana, who is the antaryami of all. When Brahma realised this, he decided to do tapas. He then had to find a place to do penance. He realised that of the 14 lokas, only Bhoo loka was suitable, said T.N. Aravamudachariar, in a discourse. Of the seven dhveepas, only Jambu dhveepa was suitable. Of the nine varshas, only Bharata varsha was suitable. So he chose Bharata varsha in Jambu dhveepa in Bhoo loka, as the place for his penance. An asareeri instructed him to go to Kanchi for penance. Brahma instructed Viswakarma to construct the altar for his yaga in Kanchi. Vedanta Desika describes all this in his Mei Viratha Manmiyam, and talks of the greatness of Kanchi.

He says that Rama who finished off the ten-headed demon Ravana, and Krishna who ate lots of curd and butter, both reside in Kanchi. Kanchi is a town, which is very much like the Lord's discus, for just like the discus, this sacred town too destroys the sins of Lord Narayana's devotees. Viswakarma not only built an altar, but also established a city, which he built according to the Silpa Sastras, and thus was born the marvellous city of Kanchi, says Desika. So rich was this city that gems and gold shone there. Brahma was pleased with the appearance of the city. For a yaga, a man's wife has to be present. But Saraswathi was not with Brahma at that time. She had asked him who was superior – Lakshmi or Saraswathi. Brahma had replied that Lakshmi was superior because She resided on Vishnu's chest. Brahma had also said that the river Ganga was superior to the river Saraswathi. This had angered Saraswathi, and hence the separation.

BANGKOK

Fighting flares between junta and rebels in southern Myanmar

AP

Fighting has flared in recent days between Myanmar junta forces and rebels opposed to their rule, officials and local people said on Tuesday, with reports that large numbers of civilians have fled the violence. Myanmar has been in turmoil since Aung San Suu Kyi's government was toppled in an Army coup two years ago. AFP

ISTANBUL

Turkey condemns Koran protest in the Netherlands; summons envoy

AP

Turkey's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday it summoned the Dutch Ambassador over a demonstration targeting the Koran. Edwin Wagensveld, Dutch leader of the far-right Pegida movement, on Sunday tore pages of a copy of the Koran near the Dutch Parliament and stomped on the pages. The police did not intervene. AP

TEL AVIV

Israeli high-tech workers stage protest against judicial reform plan

AFP

Hundreds of Israeli high-tech workers protested against the government's judicial reform plan on Tuesday, claiming the measures will hurt the flourishing sector. PM Benjamin Netanyahu's government insists it is essential to correct an imbalance that has given judges too much power over elected officials. AFP

WASHINGTON

Doomsday Clock to be updated against backdrop of Ukraine war

AFP

The "Doomsday Clock", which represents the judgment of science and security experts about the perils to human existence, is to be updated on Tuesday against the backdrop of the Ukraine war and other crises. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists will announce at 10.00 a.m. local time whether the time of the clock will change. AFP

IMF confirms India's finance assurances for Sri Lanka

'There has been good progress in debt restructuring talks this month with India already pledging financing assurances. We expect assurances from China and Japan soon,' says Central Bank chief

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Full support: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during a recent meeting with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe. AFP

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has confirmed receiving India's written financing assurance in support of Sri Lanka's economic revival, *Reuters* news agency reported, while Sri Lanka has expressed hope of completing talks on debt restructuring in six months.

"We confirm that India has indicated to the IMF management that it is committed to deliver financing/debt relief consistent with restoring the sustainability of Sri Lanka's public debt under the prospective IMF-supported programme," a spokesperson of the Fund, who welcomed India's financial assurance for the crisis-hit country, was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, speaking at an event in Colombo on Tuesday, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka P. Nandalal Weerasinghe said: "There has been good progress this month with India already pledging financing assurances. We expect assurances from China and Japan soon."

Following last year's debilitating economic crash, Sri Lanka decided to seek IMF assistance and reached a staff-level agreement in September 2022. Although the Ranil Wickremesinghe government said an IMF programme would likely kick in before the year ended, its negotiations with creditors dragged on for months.

On January 16, India became the island nation's first official creditor – China, Japan, and India are Sri Lanka's three largest bilateral creditors – to send written financing assurances to the IMF, "strongly supporting" Sri Lanka's debt restructuring plan. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who was in Colombo last week, said India chose to do "what was right" rather than "wait for others" [creditors].

China's offer

The Fund's provisional package of $2.9 billion will be approved by its Board, following similar written assurances from China and Japan.

Amid speculation over the top two creditors' moves, the Export-Import Bank of China wrote to the Sri Lankan Finance Ministry, offering a two-year moratorium on its debt in support of Sri Lanka's economic revival efforts, local media reports said.

However, the top Chinese bank's offer is not the same as a written assurance to the IMF that is necessary for the Fund's Board to approve the provisional package for Sri Lanka, a top source based in Colombo said. Beijing is yet to make any official remarks in this regard.

The IMF has noted that Sri Lanka is currently engaged with China and Japan to obtain them. "As soon as adequate assurances are obtained and remaining requirements are met, including by the Sri Lankan authorities, a Fund-supported programme for Sri Lanka can be presented to the IMF's Executive Board for approval that would unlock much-needed financing," its spokesperson has said.

Bilateral talks

According to a senior official familiar with the developments, both the IMF and the Sri Lankan government have agreed that none of the official lenders would take a haircut while giving Sri Lanka time to recover with an IMF programme.

"Once the IMF's Board approves the package, the countries will hold official bilateral negotiations, to work out the restructuring plan for their respective loans," the official told *The Hindu*, requesting anonymity, citing the sensitivity of ongoing negotiations.

However private creditors, who hold the largest chunk of Sri Lanka's foreign debt, may have to take a haircut, the source added. Earlier this month, eminent economists from across the globe urged creditors to cancel Sri Lanka's debt.

Several top-level officials in Ukraine resign amid corruption allegations

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Kyiv on Tuesday announced the resignation of several officials, including regional Governors and Deputy Ministers, against the backdrop of the largest corruption allegations made in Ukraine since Russia invaded.

Ukraine has long suffered endemic corruption, including among the political elite, but efforts to stamp out graft have been overshadowed by Moscow's full-scale war that began in February. Kyiv's Western allies, who have allocated billions of dollars in financial and military support, have been pushing for anti-corruption reforms for years, sometimes as a precondition for aid.

Oleg Nemchinov, a senior government official, announced the departure of five regional Governors, whose territories have seen fierce fighting, and four Deputy Ministers.

Vyacheslav Shapovalov

They include the heads of the central Dnipropetrovsk region, the northeastern Sumy region, the southern Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, as well as the region surrounding the capital Kyiv.

Mr. Nemchinov also announced the dismissal of a Deputy Defence Minister, two Deputy Ministers of development of communities and territories, and a Deputy Minister of social policy.

The deputy head of the presidential administration Kyrylo Tymoshenko and deputy prosecutor general Oleksiy Symonenko were also among those who resigned.

Separately, the Defence Ministry had earlier announced the resignation of Deputy Minister Vyacheslav Shapovalov, who was in charge of the Army's logistical support, on the heels of accusations it was signing food contracts at inflated prices. Local media reports last week accused the Ministry of having signed a deal at prices "two to three times higher" than current rates for basic foodstuffs.

'Baseless allegations'

In a statement, the Ministry insisted the accusations were "unfounded and baseless" but said Mr. Shapovalov's departure would "preserve the trust of society and international partners".

Mr. Tymoshenko, who has worked with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky since his election in 2019 and oversaw regional policy, also announced his resignation Tuesday.

He posted a photo of himself holding a handwritten resignation letter, thanking the president for the "opportunity to do good deeds every day and every minute". Mr. Tymoshenko was implicated in several scandals during his tenure, including in October last year when he was accused of using a car donated to Ukraine for humanitarian purposes.

The departure of Mr. Symonenko, a deputy prosecutor general, comes after media reports that he spent a holiday in Spain this winter, reportedly using a car belonging to a Ukrainian businessman.

Poland seeks German nod to send tanks

Agence France-Presse
WARSAW

Poland's Defence Minister Mariusz Blaszczak on Tuesday said Warsaw had asked Germany for permission to send its German-made Leopard tanks to Ukraine. "The Germans have already received our request for consent to send Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine," he said.

Poland announced earlier that it was ready to deliver 14 Leopard tanks to Kyiv within the framework of an international coalition of countries but was waiting for Berlin authorising the transfer.

After days of mounting pressure, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on Sunday said Berlin would not stand in the way if Warsaw asked to send Leopard tanks. "I am also calling on the German side to join our coalition of countries supporting Ukraine with Leopard 2 tanks," Mr. Blaszczak tweeted on Tuesday.

"It's our common cause because this is a matter of the security of all of Europe." The Polish Minister said last week that he had met his counterparts from 14 countries to discuss the formation of an international coalition to send tanks to Ukraine.

Biden calls for ban on assault weapons

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden called on Tuesday for Congress to act quickly to ban assault weapons, as California reeled from two deadly mass shootings in two days.

A group of senators on Monday reintroduced a federal Assault Weapons Ban legislation that would raise the minimum purchase age for assault weapons to 21.

"I once again urge both chambers of Congress to act quickly and deliver this Assault Weapons Ban to my desk," Mr. Biden said.

Joe Biden

A suspected gunman was in custody on Tuesday over the killing of seven people in a rural community in northern California, just two days after a mass shooting at a Lunar New Year celebration near Los Angeles.

Pakistan PM issues apology to nation over power outage

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday apologised to the nation for a major, day-long power outage that disrupted normal life and drew criticism from millions who were left without electricity amid the harsh winter weather.

The blackout engulfed schools, factories and shops, and many among 220 million people were without drinking water as pumps powered by electricity also failed to work. In key businesses and institutions, backup generators kicked in. "On behalf of my government, I would like to express my sincere regrets for the inconvenience our citizens suffered due to power outage yesterday," tweeted Mr. Sharif.

U.S. sues Google on ad tech business

Reuters
WASHINGTON

The U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Alphabet's Google on Tuesday over allegations that the company abused its dominance of the digital advertising business, according to a court document.

"Google has used anticompetitive, exclusionary, and unlawful means to eliminate or severely diminish any threat to its dominance over digital advertising technologies," the government said in its antitrust complaint.

The lawsuit is the second federal antitrust complaint filed against Google, alleging violations of antitrust law in how the company acquires or maintains its dominance. The Justice Department lawsuit filed against Google in 2020 focuses on its monopoly in search and is scheduled to go to trial in September.

Eight States joined the department in the lawsuit filed on Tuesday, including Google's home State of California.

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3.	No. of work	:	1 No.
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5.	Class of Contractor	:	Super Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.03.02.2023 to 17:00 Hours of dt.17.02.2023.
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The Chief Engineer, Megalift on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online tender through "E"procurement for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.
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Name of the work	Appointment of Third Party Inspection Agency(TPIA) for implementation of Mega Lift projects in Cluster No. XIX
Cost of Tender Paper	Rs. 10,000/-+GST 18% (Non- Refundable)
EMD/Bid Security	Rs.2,52,044/-
Mode of payment of tender paper Cost & EMD	Online
Period of Completion	36(Thirty-Six) Calendar months
Availability of Bid document for sale and receipt through on-line	From dt.25.01.2023, 10.00 A.M, to dt.23.02.2023, up to 5.00 P.M
Last date / time of receipt of bid in the portal	23.02.2023 (5.00PM)
Date of Pre-bid Conference	06.02.2023 , 11.00 AM
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Class of Contractor	The bidder should be registered under the Companies Act, 1956
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder	The Bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC).
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"For Installation, Operations and Management of Haemodialysis Units in District and Taluk level Hospitals Under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Framework under PMNDP program- Bengaluru Division, Mysuru Division, Belgaum Division & Kalaburagi Division"
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The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from 23/01/2023 onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before 20/02/2023 at 05.30pm.
Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 11:00am to 05:30pm.
Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)
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INBRIEF

Toll collection via FASTag rose 46% to ₹50,855 cr. in '22: NHAI

Total toll collection through FASTag on fee plazas, including state highway toll plazas, increased 46% to ₹50,855 crore in 2022, NHAI said on Tuesday. Total toll collection through FASTag on fee plazas, including state highway toll plazas, in 2021 was ₹34,778 crore. The average daily toll collection through FASTag on NH fee plazas in December 2022 was ₹134.44 crore, and the single day highest collection touched ₹144.19 crore on December 24, 2022, the NHAI said. PTI

Scrap windfall tax as it hurts oil, gas exploration: FICCI

The government should scrap the windfall profit tax on domestically-produced crude oil as the levy is adversely impacting the capex-intensive exploration of oil and gas, the industry said in its recommendation for the forthcoming annual Budget. The windfall tax, it said, was over and above the heavy burden of royalty (20% of oil price for onshore fields and 10% for offshore areas) and oil industry development (OID) cess (20% of oil price). PTI

Bharti Airtel raises minimum monthly recharge price by 57%

Bharti Airtel has raised the price of minimum recharge for the 28-day mobile phone service plan by about 57% to ₹155 in eight circles, including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh West. It has stopped minimum recharge plan of ₹99, under which it offered 200 megabyte of data and calls at the rate of ₹2.5 paise per second. According to sources closely engaged with the development, the company will roll out the same across India gradually. PTI

Services exports to cross FY23 goal of $300 bn: Goyal

Commerce Minister says merchandise exports too seeing 'healthy growth' despite the world economy facing risk of recession, inflationary pressure and overstocking of various commodities

Press Trust of India
GANDHINAGAR

India's services exports are doing "extremely well" and going by the current trend, these outbound shipments would grow by about 20% this fiscal and cross the $300-billion target despite global economic uncertainties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said.

He said that on the merchandise front also, exports were so far registering healthy growth despite the world being under recession, huge inflationary pressure and overstocking of various commodities.

India's exports rose 9% year-on-year during April-December 2022-23. "On services, we are probably going to do at least a 20% growth and by the current trends, we will exceed the target of $300 billion this year. So all in all, it will be a very... satisfying year, given the global headwinds and the stress that is reported from almost every part of the world," he told reporters, adding that the government's structural reforms and steps such as 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' were yielding fruit.

As per official data, services exports in April-December rose to $235.81 billion, from $184.65 billion in the year- earlier period.

In FY22, these exports had touched an all-time high of $254 billion.

Servicing trade

Minister Goyal says the current fiscal will be a satisfying year for exports given the gloom in the global environment

- India is likely to record 20% growth in services exports
- Services exports clocked $235.81 billion in April-December 2022, compared with $184.65 billion in the year-earlier period
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'India may peg FY24 nominal GDP growth at about 11%'

Reuters

India is likely to peg its nominal gross domestic product (GDP) growth at about 11% in the Budget next week, marking a slowdown from its estimate for the current fiscal due to weak export prospects, two government officials said.

Nominal GDP growth – which includes inflation and is the benchmark used to estimate tax collections – could be pressured by suppressed external demand next year due to a likely U.S. recession, said the sources, who declined to be named. The Centre expects nominal growth of 15.4% for FY23.

Maruti net doubled to ₹2,351 crore in Q3

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday reported a more than twofold jump in net profit to ₹2,351.3 crore for the third quarter ended December, on account of robust sales aided by enhanced product portfolio.

Net sales rose to ₹27,849.2 crore (₹22,187.6 crore) year-on-year. The carmaker sold 4,65,911 vehicles (4,30,668 units) during the third quarter.

The firm said the introduction of models such as Grand Vitara and a new version of Brezza helped it bolster market share in the high selling SUV segment.

Also, factors such as cost-reduction efforts and improved realisation aided margin improvement.

Shortage of electronic components impacted production by about 46,000 vehicles in Q3.

'Vistara to add 17 aircraft by 2024, eyes more long-haul flights'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vinod Kannan

Vistara, the carrier set to be merged with the Air India Group by mid-2024, will take delivery of 17 more aircraft to reach a fleet size of 70. Some of the additional planes will help it add frequencies to its European destinations, with others enabling it to offer new long-haul routes, said CEO Vinod Kannan.

However, the airline's plans to add flights to the U.S. are now on hold because of the staggered delivery of Boeing 787-9s and as the route is "resource consuming" and requires 2.5 to 3 aircraft for daily flights from India, Mr. Kannan told journalists during a press conference.

Boeing, which had halted deliveries of 787-9s following concerns aired by U.S. regulator Federal Aviation Administration, has now informed Vistara that it would deliver one Boeing 787-9 by "March or April" of 2023, and the remaining three by March 2024.

Vistara now has three 787s, deployed for flights to London, Frankfurt and Paris. Of the remaining 13 aircraft, 10 are A321s and three are A320 neos.

The original schedule included delivery of all 70 aircraft by the second quarter of 2023, which was delayed due to "slowdown and manufacturing issues as well as delays we had negotiated because of COVID," the CEO said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,979	0.06
US Dollar	81.70	-0.40
Gold	57,217	0.66
Brent oil	87.65	-1.47

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3442.00	5.65
Adani Ports	761.20	-7.85
Apollo Hosp	4305.00	-30.45
Asian Paints	2810.60	26.15
Axis Bank	910.20	-22.50
Bajaj Auto	3686.50	62.95
Bajaj Finserv	1332.70	-0.05
Bajaj Finance	5855.05	-7.95
Bharti Airtel	775.65	2.95
BPCL	348.95	-0.65
Britannia Ind	4396.05	58.20
Cipla	1062.15	-0.40
Coal India	227.60	-2.50
Divis Lab	3356.05	-29.65
Dr Reddys Lab	4252.75	-85.10
Eicher Motors	3226.55	23.20
Grasim Ind	1603.20	-28.10
HCL Tech	1137.85	16.65
HDFC	2775.40	33.50
HDFC Bank	1695.50	22.40
HDFC Life	589.55	0.35
Hero MotoCorp	2771.90	-2.70
Hindalco	484.65	-9.55
Hind Unilever	2600.50	4.10
ICICI Bank	870.75	-0.95
IndusInd Bank	1212.30	7.60
Infosys	1551.90	3.90
ITC	338.95	1.20
JSW Steel	722.05	-11.90
Kotak Bank	1760.25	-23.50
L&T	2207.50	-26.00
M&M	1323.90	-4.55
Maruti Suzuki	8698.80	281.70
NestleIndia	19290.70	-76.40
NTPC	166.05	-0.80
ONGC	152.15	-0.20
PowerGrid Corp	220.95	-4.15
Reliance Ind	2415.95	-14.35
SBI Life	1273.25	-22.15
State Bank	594.35	-6.10
Sun Pharma	1040.70	-8.60
TataConsumerProduct	740.90	-1.55
Tata Motors	422.15	13.75
Tata Steel	120.40	-1.60
TCS	3436.30	21.40
Tech Mahindra	1070.60	5.30
Titan	2370.75	6.05
UltraTech Cement	6809.70	-40.05
UPL	745.95	-3.50
Wipro	406.60	-0.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 24

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.52	81.84
Euro	88.50	88.88
British Pound	100.36	100.79
Japanese Yen (100)	62.62	62.88
Chinese Yuan	12.02	12.07
Swiss Franc	88.24	88.59
Singapore Dollar	61.75	62.00
Canadian Dollar	60.97	61.23
Malaysian Ringitt	19.01	19.10
Australian Dollar	57.24	57.51

Source:Indian Bank

TVS Motor Q3 net rises 22% to ₹353 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The board declared an interim dividend of ₹5 per share. The record date will be February 2

TVS Motor Company's reported standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 22% to ₹353 crore from the year-earlier period.

Operating revenue grew by 15% to ₹6,545 crore. The sale of electric vehicles rose to 29,230 from 2,306 units, it said in a statement.

Total sales

The total sales of two- and three-wheelers remained almost same at 8.79 lakh units, while exports of two-wheelers contracted to 2.07 lakh units from 2.53 lakh units. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹5 per share.

During the quarter, TVSM had invested ₹150 crore in TVS Credit Services Ltd., and ₹91 crore in TVS Motor (Singapore) Pte Ltd. During August last year, it had acquired 48.27% stake in DriveX Mobility Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore for ₹85 crore.

CG Power to invest ₹126 cr. in expanding capacity

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Murugappa group firm CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd., said it would enhance the manufacturing capacity of its power transformer and distribution transformer units at Malanpur and Bhopal at an investment of ₹126 crore.

The expansion would raise power transformer capacity from 17,000 MVA to 25,000 MVA; and from 6,900 MVA to 9,900 MVA for distribution transformers, the company said.

Granules Q3 net rises 23% on paracetamol

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Granules India on Tuesday reported consolidated net profit increased 23% for December quarter to ₹124.32 crore on the back of higher paracetamol API offtake.

Total income increased almost 15% to ₹1,147.07 crore. However, both net profit and total income were lower on a sequential basis. Revenue share from the U.S. also increased to 49.4% against 43.1%.

"Opportunities in paracetamol are likely to continue and our geography expansion strategy in Europe is likely to yield higher turnover and EBITDA in future," CMD Krishna Prasad Chigurupati said. There was an erosion in price and margin during the quarter, something that is likely to stretch into Q4, too.

U.S. FDA nod

U.S. arm Granules Pharmaceuticals Inc. has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration nod for Amphetamine Mixed Salts, 5mg, 10mg, 15mg, 20mg, 25mg and 30mg Extended-Release capsules indicated for treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

States' interest cost inches up as borrowing grows 8%: ICRA

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

After remaining stable for many weeks, the cost of borrowing for states inched up by 5 basis points (bps) to 7.64% at Tuesday's auction when 15 of them raised ₹25,700 crore from the market.

The weighted average cut-off on state government loans rose 5 bps to 7.64% over the previous week, and the weighted average tenor rose to 13 years from 11 during the week, according to ICRA.

'Indian economy critical for the world'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

As global firms start to look at countries across Asia as part of China + 1 strategies, India is a clear choice

India's economic fortunes are critical for the world, Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said on Tuesday.

"But more interestingly, India's rise is being welcomed by the world as it grows into a stabilising and non-disruptive growth engine," he wrote in a note.

As global corporations start to look at countries across Asia as part of their China + 1 strategies, India is a clear choice.

"Supply chain repositioning is complex and needs us to stay the course."

He said India combines economic might, a large working age population, demographic dynamism, entrepreneurial energy, robust democracy and diversity. "Add to this a pivotal position in current global geopolitics. That country is India. And I think even Chat GPT concurs."

Sport

Sportstar Aces Awards' fifth chapter: voting opens for Popular Choice

Sports Bureau

The annual *Sportstar* Aces Awards is back. The fifth chapter will honour a number of incredible performances across Indian sport in 2022.

The last year – coming after the highs of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics – continued to be a big one for Indian sports. The Indian athletes have achieved tremendous success at the Commonwealth Games, and in various World Championships across multiple disciplines.

From Neeraj Chopra to the women's lawn bowls team, from Avinash Sable to Sumit Antil - the year saw many incredible achievements which the 2023 Aces Awards seek to remember and reward.

There are 27 categories this year – 21 Jury and six Popular Choice Awards.

The Jury Awards: Sportsman of the Year (Cricket, Racquet Sports, Individual Sports, Track and Field, Team Sports, Parasports), Sportswoman of the Year (Cricket, Racquet Sports, Individual Sports, Team Sports, Track and Field, Parasports), Coach of the Year, Best State for Promotion of Sports, Best Corporate for Promotion of Sports, Best PSU for Promotion of Sports, Best College/University for Promotion of Sports, Lifetime Achievement Award, Young Achiever of the Year (Boy), Young Achiever of the Year (Girl), Best Talent Mentor (Grassroots Coach).

The Popular Choice Awards: Sportsman of the Year, Sportswoman of the Year, National Team of the Year, Club Team of the Year, Sporting Moment of the Year and the Spirit of Sports honour.

There will also be a Chairperson's Award for Sports for Social Good, which will honour individuals or organisations that have used the power of sports to make the world a better place. Scan the QR code to vote.

Cat Whiskers primed to repeat in the Bangalore Winter Million

BENGALURU: Cat Whiskers, who is in fine nick may score an encore in the Bangalore Winter Million (1,200m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Wednesday (Jan. 25). False rails (width about 2.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 NATIONAL TOURISM DAY PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 1-30 p.m.: 1. The Strength (8) P. Mani 60, 2. Aceros (2) S. Saqlain 59, 3. Chul Bul Rani (6) Tousif 59, 4. Chain Of Thoughts (9) Antony 58.5, 5. Tiger Returns (7) Rayan 57.5, 6. Flamingo Road (1) Likith Appu 54.5, 7. Beldona (3) Sai Kiran 54, 8. Rorito (5) Md. Aliyar 51.5, 9. Cash Out (4) B. Dharshan 50.5 and 10. Rudram (10) Arshad 50.5.
1. CHAIN OF THOUGHTS,
2. FLAMINGO ROAD,
3. CHUL BUL RANI

2 GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. III), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00: 1. Arrowette (1) Trevor 60, 2. Sir Tyrrell (8) Ashok K 60, 3. The Perfect Choice (5) Sai Kiran 60, 4. Bruce Almighty (7) S. Shareef 59, 5. Foi (3) Darshan 58.5, 6. Moving Ahead (2) Adarsh 58.5, 7. Quevega (4) R. Ravi 58.5, 8. Southernaristocrat (10) Indrajeet S 58, 9. Firefinch (9) Salman K 57.5 and 10. Mystical Merkabah (6) Kiran Rai 57.
1. ARROWETTE,
2. MYSTICAL MERKABAH,
3. THE PERFECT CHOICE

3 LUNI PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Jersey Legend (11) Likith Appu 62, 2. Stellar Gold (1) Darshan 61.5, 3. Speed Seven (7) L.A. Rozario 61, 4. My Vision (4) R. Pradeep 60, 5. Memorable Time (2) S. Saqlain 59.5, 6. Elite Agent (5) Kiran Rai 58.5, 7. Dawn Rising (10) Rayan 58, 8. Love (3) Yash 57, 9. Exalted Dream (6) Jagadeesh 56.5, 10. Russian Romance (8) M. Prabhakaran 56.5 and 11. Paradise Beckons (9) S. Shareef 56.
1. MY VISION,
2. MEMORABLE TIME,
3. SPEED SEVEN

4 GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Czarevitch (9) Trevor 60, 2. Maybach (10) Srinath 57, 3. Aquamatic (11) S. Saqlain 56.5, 4. Ice Storm (1) Jagadeesh 56.5, 5. Mace (2) Vivek 56.5, 6. Macron (3) Antony 56.5, 7. Roman Power (6) Akshay K 56.5, 8. Royal Grant (4) Kiran Rai 56.5, 9. The Athabasca (5) Sai Kiran 56.5, 10. Princess Jasmine (8) Salman K 56 and 11. Silver Swift (7) Indrajeet S 56.
1. CZAREVITCH,
2. ROMAN POWER,
3. MAYBACH

5 SRIKANTADATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 70 & above, 3-30: 1. Knotty Dancer (2) S. John 65, 2. Golden Guest (5) B. Dharshan 58, 3. Star Glory (3) Suraj 54, 4. Peyo (6) Yash 53, 5. Caracas (4) Trevor 52.5 and 6. Forever Together (1) Khurshad A 51.5.
1. STAR GLORY, 2. KNOTTY DANCER

6 BANGALORE WINTER MILLION (1,200m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Cat Whiskers (4) Trevor 57, 2. Bold Act (5) Suraj 53, 3. Fearless Joey (2) Yash 53, 4. August (6) Akshay K 51.5, 5. Crosswater (1) S. Saqlain 51.5, 6. Mystikos (3) Neeraj 51.5 and 7. Zuri (7) I. Chisty 51.5.
1. CAT WHISKERS, 2. ZURI,
3. BOLD ACT

7 BANGALORE RACE COURSE 160TH YEAR COMMEMORATION TROPHY (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Kensington (5) Antony 60, 2. Siege Perilous (4) S. John 59.5, 3. All Attractive (6) Akshay K 57, 4. Automatic (2) B.L. Paswan 57, 5. Imperial Blue (3) S. Saqlain 57, 6. Moon's Blessing (7) Trevor 55.5 and 7. Watchmystars (1) L.A. Rozario 55.5.
1. ALL ATTRACTIVE,
2. KENSINGTON, 3. IMPERIAL BLUE

8 GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Eridani (2) S. Saqlain 60.5, 2. Adjustment (5) Sandesh 60, 3. Super Ruffian (8) S. John 60, 4. Sociable (7) Trevor 59, 5. Sofiya (10) Suraj 59, 6. Capriati (6) Antony 58.5, 7. Always Happy (4) Akshay K 58, 8. Armory (3) Kiran Rai 57, 9. Born King (9) L.A. Rozario 56.5 and 10. The Golden Dream (1) Sai Kiran 56.
1. ADJUSTMENT,
2. ALWAYS HAPPY, 3. SOFIYA

9 NATIONAL TOURISM DAY PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Panama (10) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. Jokshan (2) Sai Kiran 61, 3. Kings Speech (8) Tousif 61, 4. Osiris (6) P. Mani 61, 5. Ombudsman (9) Srinath 60.5, 6. Classic Charm (4) Darshan 60, 7. Baltimore (1) Antony 59, 8. Queen Regnant (3) Md. Aliyar 59, 9. Ozark (7) Likith Appu 53.5 and 10. Anne Boleyn (5) Arshad 52.
1. OMBUDSMAN, 2. KINGS SPEECH,
3. BALTIMORE
Day's best: ARROWETTE
Double: CZAREVITCH – ADJUSTMENT
Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6; (iii): 7, 8 and 9.

COMEBACK GOAL

Kyrgios targets March return with knee surgery a 'great success'

Nick Kyrgios's knee surgery was a "great success" with the Australian targeting a return for the Indian Wells ATP Masters in March, his manager said on Tuesday. The 27-year-old went under the knife in Canberra on Monday after pulling out of the Australian Open on the eve of the tournament.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Sania & Bopanna enter semifinals after getting walkover

Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna rolled into the semifinals of the Australian Open mixed doubles after the duo was handed a walkover in their quarters clash on Tuesday. They were slated to face Jelena Ostapenko and David Vega Hernandez but advanced after their opponents decided to withdraw.

RECORD TALLY

Gill finishes with 360 runs, equals Babar's feat in 3-match ODI series

Shubman Gill equalled Babar Azam's record for most runs in a three-match ODI series. The Indian took his tally to 360 (208, 40 n.o., 112) when he smashed a century in the third match against New Zealand in Indore on Tuesday. In 2016, Babar scored 360 against West Indies, registering three hundreds in three matches.

SMASHING SUCCESS

Rohit-Gill pair registers highest opening stand against Kiwis in ODIs

Skipper Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill's 212-run stand for the opening wicket in the third ODI against New Zealand in Indore on Tuesday eclipsed the record of 201 (unbroken) by Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir in Hamilton in 2009. Rohit's 101 was his 30th ODI hundred while Gill (112) scored his fourth ODI century.

Dominant Belgium ends NZ's hopes, advances to semifinals

The Belgians had clearly done their homework and seemed to have learnt from India's mistakes against the same opponent in the crossover game; Boon and van Aubel score for the defending champion

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Belgium booked a semifinal spot in style, ending New Zealand's dreams of a maiden last-four World Cup appearance with a 2-0 win in the second quarterfinal here on Tuesday.

The defending champion stayed in control for most of the game and, despite missing quite a few shots at the goal, never appeared to be struggling. The margin, in fact, could have been much bigger had Belgium not hit wide once too often.

At the other end, New Zealand managed just a couple of half-chances that never appeared dangerous. Belgium got its first shot in the second minute itself, but captain Felix Denayer could not connect in front of the goal. Tom Boon hit a backhand wide after a few minutes as the Belgian forwards appeared in a hurry to score but missing their targets as a result. Boon finally put his team ahead, flicking in the first PC in the 11th minute.

That's it: Anubel, centre, gestures to teammates after scoring the second goal for Belgium in a well-coordinated move. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Belgium doubled the lead immediately on resumption through a beautifully coordinated move that started with Nicolas de Kerpel putting Simon Gougnard through, who passed it back to Florent van Aubel with a single touch on the run from near the backline and the latter deflecting it in.

The Black Sticks tried to fight back but the Belgians clearly had done their homework and learnt from India's mistakes against the same opponent two days back. They did not allow New Zealand any space in the midfield, did not let up the pressure at 2-0 up, kept their foot on the pedal throughout, pressed hard with possession and nipped any counter-attacks early.

At the back, the Belgian defence hardly allowed New Zealand entry into the circle, restricting it to the 25-yard line before launching counters. Their rivals, desperate to get one back, kept furrowing through both the flanks seeking space to at least create PCs but could only manage one in the whole game with the Belgian defenders always a step ahead to intercept.

The second half was comparatively more sedate but New Zealand barely got anywhere near the Belgian goal. All action was restricted to its own half and although no more goals were scored, it was Belgium all the way, which now takes on the winner of Netherlands and Korea in the semifinals.

Also playing on Wednesday will be England, looking to make its fourth straight semifinal appearance, against Germany.

The result:
Belgium 2 (Boon 11, van Aubel 16) bt New Zealand 0.
Wednesday's quarterfinals:
England vs Germany (4.30 p.m.), Netherlands vs Korea (7 p.m.).

Australia's seven-minute spell leaves Spain in a daze

Aashin Prasad
BHUBANESWAR

For a moment, it looked like the Aussies would be knocked out of the World Cup by the enterprising Spaniards. However, trailing 0-2 in the first half, Australia clicked into gear in spectacular fashion in a seven-minute period to win 4-3 and book a spot in the semifinals at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday.

The Kookaburras were blunted in the first half by the Red Sticks' well-drilled defence as the latter swiftly cut down passes and closed down dribbling lanes inside the zone. The rattled Aussies began to misfire their penalty corners, too.

Though the Spaniards saw less of the ball, they were composed when they had possession and repeatedly targeted the Aussies' left flank. Not surprisingly, both their goals came from that wing. An onrushing Xavier Gispert collected the ball at the edge of the circle, weaved past a defender before emphatically firing a tomahawk into the bottom corner. Lachlan Sharp then failed to trap, allowing Marc Recasens to flick home past Andrew Charter.

Roaring back: Down 0-2, Australia turned the tables on Spain in spectacular fashion. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Borja Lacalle failed to get a touch for a third , and at the other end, Australia immediately made Spain pay by scoring at the stroke of half-time. Matt Dawson fired in a pass into the circle, where an unmarked Flynn Ogilvie's fierce hit sounded the boards.

The Aussies stepped out early for the second half, the change in approach and the shift in gear reflected on the turf as they overturned the lead in quick time. From the left, Jake Whetton's superb run into the circle set up Aran Zalewski who came up with a sliding finish before Jeremy Hayward switched over to the right battery for penalty corners and scored off two successive dragflicks.

A long video referral and a disallowed Australian goal check gave Spain time to regroup. And it responded with a penalty corner strike of its own through skipper Marc Miralles.

Despite conceding thrice, Charter helped Australia keep its nose in front. He produced three crucial saves, including a penalty stroke from Miralles. When the hooter went off, Australia heaved a sigh of relief and Spain was crestfallen.

The result: Australia 4 (Ogilvie 29, Zalewski 31, Hayward 32 & 36) bt Spain 3 (Gispert 19, Recasens 23, Miralles 40).

Tsitsipas to face Khachanov in semis, Azarenka powers through

The day in numbers

0 For the first time since 2018, no American woman has reached the semifinals of the Australian Open

4 Tsitsipas is the fourth man in the Open era after Laver, Rafter and Agassi to stay unbeaten in his first six Grand Slam quarterfinals

35 Rybakina has hit the most aces in women's singles in this edition

153 The 33-year-old Azarenka's wins in the main draw of all Slams, equalling the record of the 13th-placed Hingis (Open era) in the all-time list

47 Azarenka's main draw victories at the Australian Open, pulling her level with Graf in the sixth spot (Open era)

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Stefanos Tsitsipas closed in on a first Grand Slam title by reaching the Australian Open semifinals on Tuesday in impressive fashion, as Victoria Azarenka also powered into the last four.

Tsitsipas was a 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-4 winner over unseeded Jiri Lehecka of the Czech Republic and faces Karen Khachanov next.

The 24-year-old Tsitsipas is the highest remaining seed left at three. "It was a very difficult three-setter, one of the most difficult so far in the competition," said the Greek, who will become World No. 1 should he win the title.

The other quarterfinal between Russia's Khachanov and Sebastian Korda had been warming up nicely until the American hurt his wrist. The 18th seed went through when Korda retired in the third set, down 7-6(5), 6-3, 3-0.

Novak Djokovic is still on the scene, with a quarterfinal against Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev on Wednesday. The other quarterfinal is an all-American clash between Ben Shelton and Tommy Paul.

Azarenka is back in the last four in Melbourne for the first time since she won the tournament in 2013 and will face Elena Rybakina. The 33-year-old Azarenka rolled back the years in a surprisingly one-sided quarterfinal to triumph over Jessica Pegula 6-4, 6-1.

Rybakina blasted her way into the semifinals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Jelena Ostapenko.

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men:
18-Khachanov (Rus) bt 29-Korda (USA) 7-6(5), 6-3, 3-0, retd.; 3-Tsitsipas (Gre) bt Lehecka (Cze) 6-3, 7-6(2), 6-4.
Women: 22-Rybakina (Kaz) bt 17-Ostapenko (Lat) 6-2, 6-4; 24-Azarenka (Blr) bt 3-Pegula (USA) 6-4, 6-1.

After Rohit and Gill power the Men in Blue to a mammoth total, Shardul takes over

NZ IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
INDORE

Rohit Sharma marked the 10th anniversary of his elevation as India's regular opener in the 50-over format with his first ODI hundred in three years. Shubman Gill continued his sizzling hot form to notch up yet another hundred. And Devon Conway joined the party later in the evening.

Still, it was a brilliant spell by Shardul Thakur that stood out in the expected run feast at the Holkar Stadium on Tuesday. Shardul's decisive spell in the middle overs resulted in India recording a 3-0 sweep with a 90-run win in the third ODI.

When Shardul was reintroduced into the attack after the 25th over, Conway was on fire. Yuzvendra Chahal, having replaced Mohammed Siraj (rested along with Mohammed Shami), was repeatedly despatched into the stands. Umran Malik's pace was not only comfortably negotiated, but witnessed a boundary spree too.

At 184 for two at the halfway stage, New Zealand was on course to overhaul the target of 386. Then came Shardul and surprised Daryl Mitchell with a short ball that kissed the glove en route to wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan, who had earlier missed a stumping chance off the bowling of Chahal when Conway was on 58.

Dominant display: India won the third ODI against New Zealand by 90 runs to sweep the series 3-0.R.V. MOORTHY

Next up was a knuckle ball that captain Tom Latham scooped to Hardik Pandya at mid-off. Though Glenn Phillips saved a hattrick, he top-edged a cross-seam delivery in Shardul's next over to Kohli.

Those 10 deliveries swung the game in India's favour before Malik delivered the knockout punch by rushing Conway into playing a pull to Rohit at midwicket.

Earlier in the day, Latham surprisingly opted to field first on a batting paradise. Barring Lockie Ferguson, the pick of the Black Caps pace pack, no other bowler could contain the Indian openers. While Rohit preferred the aerial route, Gill found gaps at will on a lightning outfield.

Rohit's flat six to bring up his half-century was a delight to watch but it was Gill's lofted cover drive off off-spinner Michael Bracewell in the 23rd over that was the highlight of the day. The openers completed their hundreds in the 26th over before Bracewell provided the breakthrough as Rohit missed a wild heave and played on. Despite the middle-order continuing to score freely, wickets kept tumbling frequently and India found itself reduced to 313 for six in the 43rd over. However, Hardik Pandya found an ally in Shardul, their cameos piloting India to a total beyond the Kiwis' reach.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Rohit Sharma b Bracewell 101 *(85b, 9x4, 6x6)*, Shubman Gill c Conway b Tickner 112 *(78b, 13x4, 5x6)*, Virat Kohli c Allen b Duffy 36 *(27b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ishan Kishan run out 17 *(24b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Conway b Duffy 14 *(9b, 2x6)*, Hardik Pandya c Conway b Duffy 54 *(38b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Washington Sundar c Mitchell b Tickner 9 *(14b, 1x4)*, Shardul Thakur c Latham b Tickner 25 *(17b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Kuldeep Yadav run out 3 *(3b)*, Umran Malik (not out) 2 *(5b)*; Extras (b-5, lb-1, w-6): 12; Total (for nine wkts. in 50 overs): 385.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-212 (Rohit, 26.1 overs), 2-230 (Gill, 27.6), 3-268 (Kishan, 34.3), 4-284 (Kohli, 36.2), 5-293 (Suryakumar, 38.4), 6-313 (Washington, 42.2), 7-367 (Shardul, 47.6), 8-379 (Hardik, 48.4), 9-385 (Kuldeep, 49.6).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Duffy 10-0-100-3, Ferguson 10-1-53-0, Tickner 10-0-76-3, Santner 10-0-58-0, Mitchell 4-0-41-0, Bracewell 6-0-51-1.

NEW ZEALAND
Finn Allen b Hardik 0 *(2b)*, Devon Conway c Rohit b Umran 138 *(100b, 12x4, 8x6)*, Henry Nicholls lbw b Kuldeep 42 *(40b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Daryl Mitchell c Kishan b Shardul 24 *(31b, 2x4)*, Tom Latham c Hardik b Shardul 0 *(1b)*, Glenn Phillips c Kohli b Shardul 5 *(7b)*, Michael Bracewell st. Kishan b Kuldeep 26 *(22b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Mitchell Santner c Kohli b Chahal 34 *(29b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Lockie Ferguson c Rohit b Kuldeep 7 *(12b)*, Jacob Duffy lbw b Chahal 0 *(2b)*, Blair Tickner (not out) 0 *(2b)*; Extras (b-2, lb-5, w-12): 19; Total (in 41.2 overs): 295.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Allen, 0.2), 2-106 (Nicholls, 14.5), 3-184 (Mitchell, 25.1), 4-184 (Latham, 25.2), 5-200 (Phillips, 27.4), 6-230 (Conway, 31.4), 7-269 (Bracewell, 36.1), 8-279 (Ferguson, 38.5), 9-280 (Duffy, 39.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Hardik 6-0-37-1, Washington 6-0-49-0, Shardul 6-0-45-3, Umran 7-0-52-1, Kuldeep 9-0-62-3, Chahal 7.2-0-43-2.

Toss: New Zealand.
Player-of-the-match: Shardul.
Player-of-the-series: Gill.

Spinners Gowtham, Shreyas help Karnataka bowl out Jharkhand for 164 in first innings

The host's top-order fails to get going with captain Virat and Saurabh falling cheaply; pacer Kaverappa complements tweakers with a two-wicket haul

RANJI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Spinners K. Gowtham (4/61) and Shreyas Gopal (3/18) got among the wickets to help Karnataka dismiss Jharkhand for 164 on the opening day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group 'C' match at the Keenan Stadium in Jamshedpur on Tuesday. Karnataka cruised to 80 for two at the end of day's play.

Karnataka grabbed the early advantage with a good show on day one. Off-spinner Gowtham triggered the collapse, picking up three top-order wickets in quick time. These included the dismissals of captain Virat Singh (8) and Saurabh Tiwary (0) off successive deliveries.

The exit of these two batting mainstays, both of whom scored centuries in the previous outing against Puducherry, hurt Jharkhand a great deal.

Potent pair: Gowtham and Shreyas combined well to rattle the Jharkhand batters.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Middle-order resistance

Pinned down at 57 for four, Jharkhand found the going tough. Wicketkeeper-batter Kumar Kushagra (37, 106b, 3x4, 1x6) and Shahbaz Nadeem (22, 38b, 2x4) provided some resistance, but leg-spinner Shreyas scalped Kushagra to signal Jharkhand's end. Shreyas added tailenders Supriyo Chakraborty and Vinayak Vikram to his tally.

Pacer Vidwath Kaverappa, brought into the eleven in place of Vyshak Vijaykumar, played his part with two wickets.

Karnataka made a steady response with the bat. Openers R. Samarth (31) and Mayank Agarwal (20) were unable to hang around, but Devdutt Padikkal (20 batting) held fort.

The scores:

Jharkhand — 1st innings: Kumar Deobrat c Sharath b Kaverappa 18, Aryaman Sen c (sub) K.V. Siddharth b Gowtham 6, Kumar Suraj c Mayank b Gowtham 22, Virat Singh lbw b Gowtham 8, Saurabh Tiwary lbw b Gowtham 0, Kumar Kushagra c Pandey b Shreyas 37, Anukul Roy b Kaverappa 6, Shahbaz Nadeem c Pandey b Hegde 22, Supriyo Chakraborty lbw b Shreyas 14, Ashish Kumar (not out) 10, Vinayak Vikram b Shreyas 3; Extras (b-10, lb-5, w-2, nb-1): 18; Total (in 64.2 overs): 164.

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-41, 3-57, 4-57, 5-86, 6-95, 7-133, 8-139, 9-154.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 14-4-34-2, Koushik 12-6-20-0, Gowtham 24-5-61-4, Shreyas 11.2-4-18-3, Hegde 3-0-16-1.

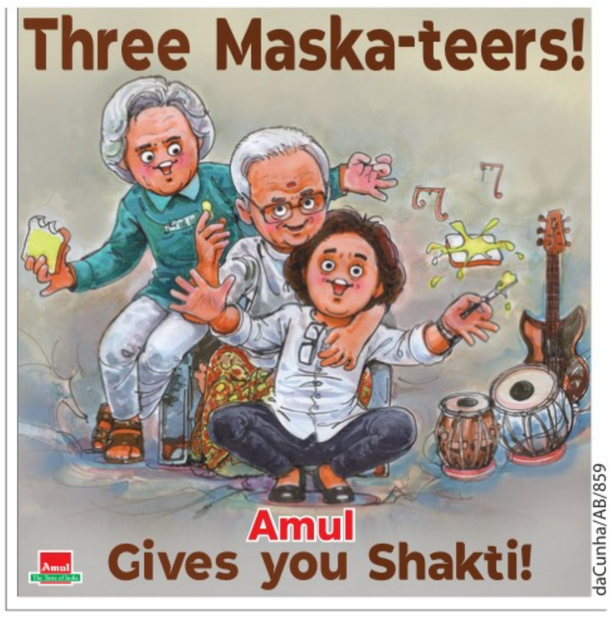
Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth b Roy 31, Mayank Agarwal c Aryaman b Nadeem 20, Devdutt Padikkal (batting) 20, Nikin Jose (batting) 8; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (for two wkts. in 27 overs): 80.

Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-66.

Jharkhand bowling: Ashish 5-0-16-0, Chakraborty 2-0-9-0, Nadeem 11-0-40-1, Roy 8-2-12-1, Vikram 1-0-2-0.

RANJI SCORES (ROUND SEVEN, DAY ONE)

Elite: Group-A: At Kolkata: Odisha 96/2 in 35 overs (Shantanu Mishra 41 batting) vs. Bengal; **Toss:** Bengal.
At Rohtak: Haryana 158/6 in 53 overs (Kapil Hooda 42 batting, Avneesh Sudha 5/45) vs. Uttarakhand; **Toss:** Uttarakhand.
At Nadaun: Himachal Pradesh (HP) 15 for no loss in 4.4 overs vs. Uttar Pradesh (UP); **Toss:** HP.
At Vadodara: Baroda 420/5 in 90 overs (Vishnu Solanki 161 batting, Ninad Rathva 143, Atit Sheth 61 batting) vs. Nagaland; **Toss:** Baroda.
Group-B: At Vizianagaram: Assam 113 in 37.5 overs (Madhav Rayudu 4/12) vs. Andhra 160/3 in 47 overs (Abhishek Reddy 75, Hanuma Vihari 80); **Toss:** Assam.
At Mumbai: Maharashtra 314/6 in 87 overs (Siddhesh Veer 48, Kedar Jadhav 128, Saurabh Nawale 56 batting) vs. Mumbai; **Toss:** Mumbai.
At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 247/4 in 90 overs (Rahul Radesh 41, Rohit Rayudu 90 batting, Chandan Sahani 67) vs. Delhi; **Toss:** Hyderabad.
At Chennai: Tamil Nadu (TN) 183/4 in 90 overs (Sai Sudharsan 45, Baba Aparajith 45, Baba Indrajith 45 batting) vs. Saurashtra; **Toss:** TN.
Group-C: At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 164 in 64.2 overs (Krishnappa Gowtham 4/61) vs. Karnataka 80/2 in 27 overs; **Toss:** Jharkhand.
At Raipur: Chhattisgarh 273/4 in 88 overs (Anuj Tiwary 86, Shashank Chandrakar 101, Ashutosh Singh 55) vs. Goa; **Toss:** Chhattisgarh.
At Puducherry: Pondicherry 253/4 in 87 overs (Paras Dogra 117 batting, Arun Karthik 65 batting) vs. Kerala; **Toss:** Kerala.
At Jodhpur: Services 178 in 56.4 overs (Rahul Singh 70, Manav Suthar 4/56) vs. Rajasthan 58/2 in 21 overs; **Toss:** Rajasthan.
Group-D: At Indore: Tripura 239/6 in 82 overs (Bikramkumar Das 61, Sridam Paul 72) vs. Madhya Pradesh (MP); **Toss:** MP.
At Ahmedabad: Railways 372/5 in 89 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 83, Vivek Singh 97, Pratham Singh 96, Upendra Yadav 46 batting) vs. Gujarat; **Toss:** Railways.
At Mohali: Vidarbha 1 for no loss in 1 over vs. Punjab; **Toss:** Punjab.
At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 18 for no loss in 6 overs vs. Jammu & Kashmir (J&K); **Toss:** J&K.



INBRIEF

Smriti, Harmanpreet and bowlers help India beat WI

India defeated the West Indies by 56 runs to keep its slate clean in the women's T20I tri-series in East London on Monday. After Smriti Mandhana (74 not out) and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (56 n.o.) powered the team to 167 for two, the bowlers restricted West Indies to 111 for four. Earlier, openers Yastika Bhatia and Smriti stitched together a 33-run partnership. Deepti Sharma took two for 29 for India.

The scores:
India 167/2 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 74 n.o., Harmanpreet Kaur 56 n.o.) bt West Indies 111/4 in 20 overs (Shemaine Campbelle 47, Hayley Matthews 34 n.o., Deepti Sharma 2/29).

Women's IPL teams to be auctioned today

The BCCI is all set to get richer by up to ₹4000 crore with some of the top business houses set to bid aggressively for the five Women's IPL (WIPL) teams that would be auctioned on Wednesday. According to market experts, the teams are expected to shell out in the "range of ₹500 to 600 crore" per team in the closed-bid auction. More than 30 odd companies have bought the bid documents worth ₹5 lakh, including all the 10 men's IPL teams. Well-known corporate houses such as Adani group, Torrent group, Haldiram's Prabhuji, Capri Global, Kotak and Aditya Birla Group have also shown interest in buying a team. The WIPL will be played in the month of March in Mumbai at a couple of venues.

Tamil Nadu boys thrash Rajasthan

Tamil Nadu thrashed Rajasthan 119-77 in a boys' match on the opening day of the second round at the 72nd Junior National Basketball Championships in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Host Karnataka didn't have such an easy time, but eventually edged Madhya Pradesh 71-68.

The results: Men: Tamil Nadu 119 (R. Venkatasubramanian 24, V. Sharan 23, B. Subin Vel 16, S. Vijay Kumar 15, S. Goutham 12) bt Rajasthan 77; Chandigarh 77 (Deepak 17, Muhammed Ibrahim Ali 15, Vaibhav Saini 15) bt Mizoram 75 (Emmanuel V. L. Awmpuia 27, Moses Lalimuananzoa 20); Uttar Pradesh 81 (Kushal Singh 31, Harsh Dagar 27) bt Punjab 65 (Harmanjot Singh 27, Sahibit 65); Karnataka 71 (N.M. Vishnu 25, Nihal V. Kamaji 12, Priyanshu 10) bt Madhya Pradesh 68 (Harsh Ahlawat 19, Sourab 17, Vikas Sharma 16, Bhagat Singh 10).
Women: Maharashtra 71 (Ananya 26, Mansi Yogesh Nirmalkar 15, Poorva Suresh 10) bt Kerala 61 (Ruth Anna Blessen 14, Ashlin Shiju 11, Liya Sony 10); Punjab 66 (Kavya Singla 27, Karanveer Kaur 13, Kanveer Kaur 13, Manmeet Kaur 11) bt Madhya Pradesh 48 (Kushi Pal Singh 23); Chhattisgarh 90 (Riya Pramod 31, D. Kirthi 21, D. Anisha 11) bt Uttar Pradesh 61 (Aanvi Anand 19, Shimla Gupta 12, Vidya Yadav 12); Tamil Nadu 106 (K. Satya 26, A. Nitika 25, D. Sadhana Veronica 18, Deepthi 10) bt Chandigarh 42 (Ayushi Singh 12).

LIVE TELECAST

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Hockey World Cup: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.30 & 7 p.m.
Women's T20I tri-series: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Thursday)

SNAPSHOTS

Harmanpreet to helm ICC Women's ODI squad

DUBAI: Harmanpreet Kaur was named skipper of the ICC Women's ODI Team, which also has Smriti Mandhana and pace bowler Renuka Singh, on Tuesday. Rishabh Pant is the only Indian to be picked in the ICC men's Test team of 2022, while Shreyas Iyer and Mohammed Siraj find a place in the ICC ODI Team of 2022.

Men: Test team of 2022: Ben Stokes (Capt.), Usman Khawaja, Kraigg Brathwaite, Marnus Labuschagne, Babar Azam, Jonny Bairstow, Rishabh Pant (wk), Pat Cummins, Kagiso Rabada, Nathan Lyon and James Anderson.

ODI squad of 2022: Babar Azam (Capt.), Travis Head, Shai Hope, Shreyas Iyer, Tom Latham (wk), Sikandar Raza, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Alzarri Joseph, Mohammed Siraj, Trent Boult and Adam Zampa.

Women's ODI team: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Alyssa Healy (wk), Beth Mooney, Smriti Mandhana, Renuka Singh, Laura Wolvaardt, Ayabonga Khaka, Shabnim Ismail, Nat Sciver, Sophie Ecclestone and Amelia Kerr.

Australian team to leave for India on Feb. 1

KOLKATA: The Australian team is set to depart for India on February 1, after an optional preparatory camp in Sydney this weekend, ahead of the four-match Border-Gavaskar Test series.

Kane nets Spurs' winner

LONDON: Harry Kane became Tottenham Hotspur's joint-leading scorer of all time by netting in a 1-0 win over Fulham that moved his team three points off the Premier League's top four on Monday.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Bhandage hits century

MYSURU: Manoj S. Bhandage hit 102 (158b, 8x4, 4x6) to help Karnataka post a second innings total of 299 in 89.4 overs, and set a target of 252, at close of the third day's play against Himachal Pradesh in the Col. C.K.Nayadu Trophy U-25 cricket tournament here on Tuesday.

The scores: Karnataka 166 in 77.4 overs & 299 in 89.4 overs (Manoj S. Bhandage 102, Vidyadhar Patil 54, Kishan S. Bedare 49, Mukul Negi 4/80, A.S. Jamwal 3/39) vs. Himachal Pradesh 214 in 67.4 overs.

Kashif's unbeaten 221 highlights Presidency School's huge win

BENGALURU: Kashif Ahmed Ali's unbeaten double century (221 n.o.) was instrumental in Presidency School, RT Nagar's thumping 267-run win over Vidyaniketan School in the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) first division tournament.

Kashif Ahmed Ali (Presidency School, 221 n.o.).

The scores: Presidency School, RT Nagar 403/4 in 50 overs (Kashif Ahmed Ali 221 n.o., M.S. Kunal 37, Omkar 98, Eeshan Pavan Kumar Pairee 3/76) bt Vidyaniketan School 136 in 47.1 overs (Rahul Rajesh Kashyap 60, Kashif Ahmed Ali 4/19).
BGS NPS 87 in 23.4 overs (H. Nihal 3/22, Vedaraj K. Yadav 4/13) lost to Holy Saint English School 88/2 in 12.2 overs (Vishnu Reddy 59).
Max Muller High School 255 in 42.5 overs (Karan Raghavendra 73, M.H. Dhyaan 63, B. Pavandeep 35, Ishan A. Chander 4/49) bt Sri Kumaran Children's Home 187/6 in 50 overs (Samarth Rajagopalan 36, Niranjan Nair 28, Dhruv Modhe 54 n.o., M. Jayan Samyog 3/17).
Jain Heritage School 180/9 in 50 overs (Manish Benjamin John 59, Aaryansinh Chavda 59) lost to Bishop Cotton Boys School 181/9 in 50 overs (Abhinav Jha 79, A. Meeth Jain 25, S. Leshan 3/22).
Gopalan NS 269 in 50 overs (G. Aravind 74, Amegh Verma 85, Mohammed Ayaan Bibin 29, Pentela Ashwin 3/51) bt Ebenezer IS 138 in 41 overs (Abhishek N. Gowda 25, Rithvik Kulasekar 56, Medhas Mukund 3/34).
St. Joseph's BHS 157 in 42.4 overs (J. Sukruth 61, S. Aakash 3/36) lost to DPS, South 160/6 in 36.5 overs (Dhruv Santhosh Rao 40, Rachit Das 27, Syaamantak Anirudh 33).
Mallya Aditi IS 68 in 29.5 overs (Arhaan Jai Singh 30, P. Rithesh 3/0) lost to DPS, North 71/1 in 6.5 overs.
School Vivekananda 89 in 29.4 overs (M. Pavan 38, Akshaj Kathuria 7/22) lost to DPS, East 91 for no loss in 7.1 overs (Aarush Sinha 61 n.o.).

Tanisha claims under-11 crown in Surat TT tournament

Karnataka's Tanisha Kalbhairav defeated Bengal's Saturya Banerjee 12-10, 11-4, 11-6 to secure the girls singles under-11 gold medal at the National-ranking table tennis tournament being held in Surat.

Kadam does the treble for DYES FC against Bangalore Gunners

Ajay Kadam scored a hat-trick as DYES FC beat Bangalore Gunners FC 7-2 in the BDFA A-division league football here on Tuesday.

The results: DYES FC 7 (C.H. Om Prakash 28, S. Bharath Gowda 36, Ajay Kadam 53, 57, 80, Rahul Mariyala 68, T.M. Madhan 73) bt Bangalore Gunners FC 2 (J.C. Rivaldo 3, Harsha Yadav 38).
RWF FC 5 (Jayavandan Sigamani 23, 45, D. Nanda Kumar 24, Pratap Kumar 33, Regin 38) bt Tilak Memorial FC 0.

Young Star has it easy

Young Star HC , Raichur beat Om Sai HC, Dharwad 5-2 in the KSHA A-division hockey league here on Tuesday.

The results: Young Star HC, Raichur 5 (Srikanth 33, Thalib 35, Babu 39, Vinay 42, Ankeeth 6) bt Om Sai HC, Dharwad 2 (Manu 17, Sabrith 31).

Looking for players with heart is an important aspect of selection

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

"My God, look what they've sent me..." is the cricket captain's traditional response to a team he had no part in choosing. It was first uttered by England's Archie Maclaren in 1902, and has been repeated in various forms ever since.

Captains do not always get the teams they want – and vice versa. But only eleven can play, and sometimes those who missed out find that their reputation goes up with every match they don't play.

The best selectors, as everyone knows, are those who don't have the responsibility of selecting a team, and have access to social media where they can take the professionals to task for choosing 'x' or dropping 'y.'

Missing out

The media often have stories about 'the best cricketers never to have played for India'. Names that often crop up include Padmakar Shivalkar, Rajinder Goel, Amol Mujumdar, B B Nimbalkar, Kailash Ghattani, Kanwaljit Singh, K.P. Bhaskar. But there's no way of telling if these players would have performed better than those chosen ahead of them. Hindsight is the only path to certainty.

Tiger Pataudi's attitude to team selection when he was captain was pragmatic. "I got the eleven I wanted," he told me once. "For the rest, I didn't care if someone's cousin or a selector's favourite was picked." It was a comment as much about his powers as captain as about dodgy selections those days when nepotism played a role.

Indian captains could recommend, but they had no vote. Now, with a senior player as coach, the captain's authority has been eroded further. But some captains have discovered that a combination of record and personality can help push their views across. Virat Kohli is a good example of this. The balance of power was in his favour.

In general, it is not difficult to pick a squad of 20 or so at the senior level. The records are available, the potential can be seen. The best selectors ought to pick the junior teams where experience, instinct and judgement are called for, and there may not be too much television evidence.

Judgements have to be made about a player's heart as well as his head – does he possess cricket intelligence, and is he reliable under pressure? Is he likely to crumble when the going gets tough or rise to the occasion?

In the years 1970-71, when India were rising to the top of the cricket world with series wins in the West Indies and England for the first time, the obvious batting heroes were Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Sardesai.

Solkar's contribution

The supporting role played by the big-hearted Eknath Solkar was crucial but is not often acknowledged. With India five down for 75 in the first Test in the West Indies, Sardesai and Solkar added 137. At 70 for six in the fourth Test, they added 186. Solkar's two crucial fifties in England helped draw the first two Tests before India won the last.

Selectors who follow the players, watch them on and off the field are vital to the understanding of tough players who might lack glamour and power but are all heart. When the going gets tough is when they get going. When the choice is between two players of roughly equal record, the tougher player should get the nod.

In recent years, India's selectors did well to persist with players like Rishabh Pant and Jasprit Bumrah, neither of whom was considered Test material initially but proved to be champions as their careers progressed. Hanuma Vihari and Washington Sundar, good examples of the tough player, have delivered in difficult situations.

Question of balance

Selection is always a question of balance: balance between youth and experience, between the present and the future, between potential and record. To balance youth and experience is a constant tug-of-war, as Don Bradman put it. Those who have the answers have slowed down and those with speed of eye and muscle haven't acquired the judgement.

Selectors are bound to face criticism. Perhaps about half the team are certainties – but there will always be alternatives for the other half. Selectors have to live with their choices (their critics don't).

Vijay Merchant, who as chairman of electors, ended Pataudi's reign with his casting vote, didn't think Dilip Sardesai should be picked for the West Indies tour, nor Bhagwat Chandrasekhar for England in 1970-71.

And these two players made the difference for India!